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JEFFERSON CITY, 1918

## **THOMAS MACAULAY BRADBURY**

Mr. Thomas Macaulay Bradbury, who has been the Secretary of this Commission since its creation, died suddenly at his home in Jefferson City, of apoplexy, on the morning of November 12, 1918. Mr. Bradbury was born in Jefferson City November 25, 1850. He was the son of the late Capt. Wm. H. Bradbury, who, for almost forty years, was the deputy warden of the Missouri Penitentiary. When a change in the entire State administration occurred as a consequence of the establishment of a provisional government at the beginning of the Civil war, the father removed to Versailles, Missouri, where the son spent his boyhood and early manhood.

After the completion of his education at the local schools and the State University, at Columbia, Mr. Bradbury married Miss Annie Tutt at Versailles, and, for a time, was engaged in the mercantile business at that place. Thereafter, he removed to Jefferson City, where his father had preceded him, and began the long and useful career in the public service which ended only with his death. From 1883 to 1889, during the official term as Register of Lands of the late Colonel Robert McCulloch, Mr. Bradbury was employed in that office. From 1889 to 1897 he was employed in the office of the State Treasurer during the terms of Mr. E. T. Noland and Col. Lon V. Stephens. When the latter was elected Governor, Mr. Bradbury was appointed deputy warden of the penitentiary, which position he held from 1897 to 1901, performing the multiform and exacting duties of that position with efficiency and a proper regard for the welfare of the prisoners. When General James Harding, who had long been the Secretary of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, died in 1902, Mr. Bradbury was at

once chosen by the Board to succeed him. He held this position until the Board was abolished by the Forty-seventh General Assembly in March, 1913, and upon the organization of the Public Service Commission, which was created contemporaneously with the abolition of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, Mr. Bradbury was named as its Secretary. For a period of more than five years, therefore, he has performed the complex and responsible duties of this position. His efficiency has been a source of satisfaction to those transacting business with the Commission, and has resulted in lessening the labors and responsibilities of its members. A gracious manner, whose chief charm was modesty, was his distinguishing characteristic. This was manifested not only in the discharge of his official duties, but in his social relations. His whole nature was permeated by a spirit of kindness which rendered it impossible for him to entertain a malevolent feeling. While sufficiently firm in his own convictions, in maintaining them he gave no offense to those who differed with him.

He is survived by his widow, a son, Frank Walker Bradbury, of the Grain Inspection Department of Kansas City, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Ramsey, of Jefferson City.

As a testimonial of their regard for Mr. Bradbury, officially and personally, the members of this Commission tender this tribute to his memory, and order that it be incorporated in our forthcoming report.



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# LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

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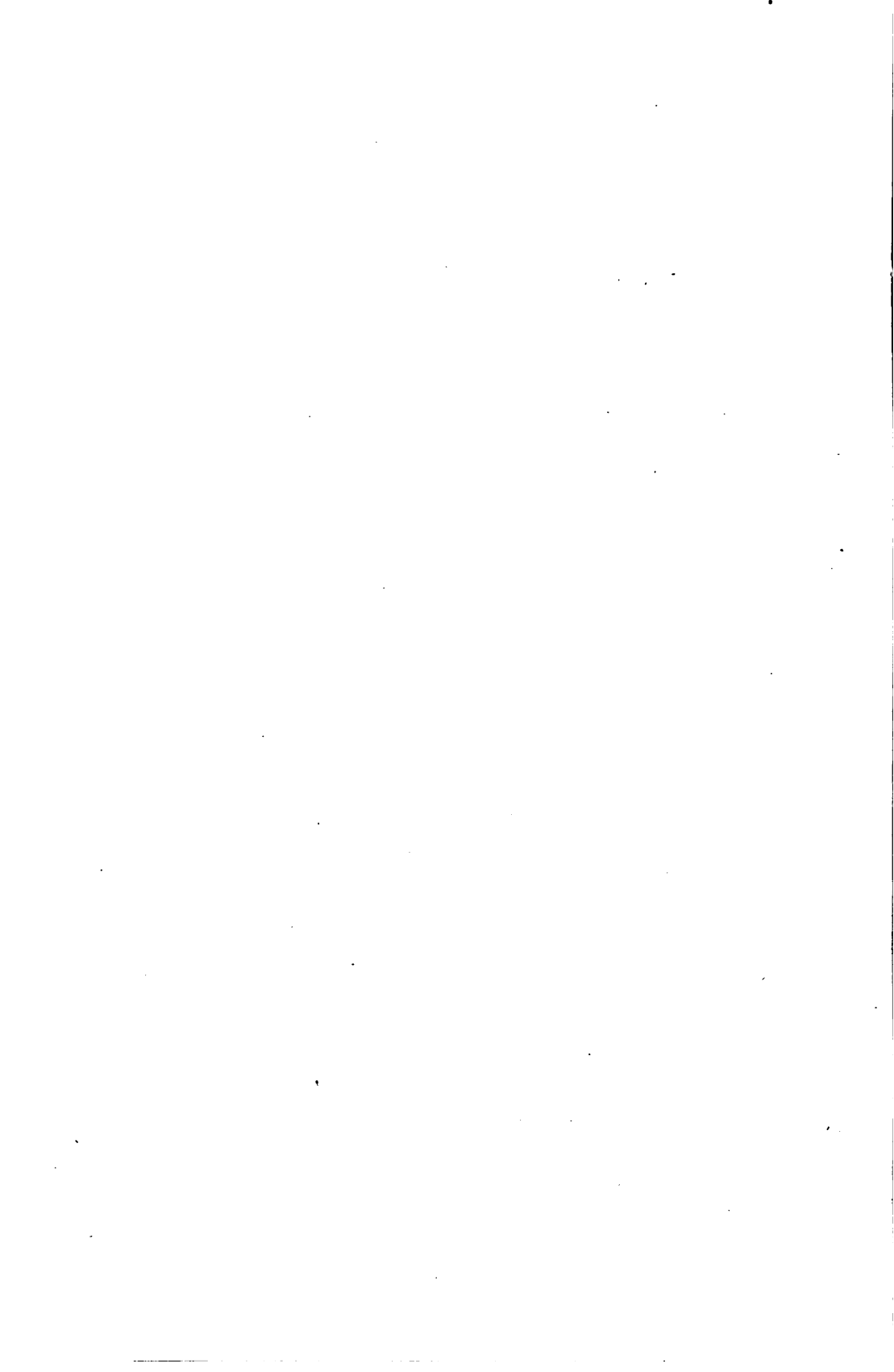
**Public Service Commission.**

Jefferson City, January 1, 1919.

To His Excellency, FREDERICK D. GARDNER, Governor  
of Missouri:

Dear Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith the  
Sixth Annual Report of the Public Service Commission, for  
the year beginning December 1, 1917, and ending November  
30, 1918.

Very respectfully yours,  
WM. G. BUSBY, Chairman.



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**SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT**

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**WORK OF THE COMMISSION.**

The Sixth Annual Report of the Commission covers a period of one year, beginning December 1, 1917, and ending November 30, 1918, and coming as it does at the close of the great world's war, the necessity and importance of the work of the Commission to the people of the State will appear, we believe, as never before from an annual report.

**PUBLIC SERVICE MAINTAINED.**

Prior to the time when the United States declared war on Germany, the cost of materials and labor had been steadily increasing, and after the declaration of war the cost of materials, labor and money so quickly increased that many of the public utilities of the State faced bankruptcy and receivership with an entire abandonment or material reduction of their service, unless immediate relief should be granted in the way of increased rates for their service.

The rates of the public service companies having been fixed by statute, franchise ordinances, or Commission orders, prior to the war, so as to allow only pre-war expenses and a limited return on the investment, it is apparent that they could not secure the necessary labor, materials and supplies, with which to serve the public at war prices without also an increase of their rates, and the Commission, realizing the necessity of service to the public by the railroads, express companies, street railroads, telegraph and telephone companies, electric light, gas, water and heating companies of the State, has granted increased rates to such utilities whenever it has appeared after investigation

that the same were necessary to enable the utilities to serve the public.

As a result of the Commission's orders, the utilities in this State have been able to grant living wages to their employes, strikes have been avoided especially in the large cities, and the public has continued to receive service which was essential not only to the successful prosecution of the war but to the business, comfort and convenience of the people; and if further proof of the wisdom of our policy in keeping the utilities going were needed, it will be found in the fact that the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Comptroller of the Currency have issued a special appeal to the State Commissions and local authorities to treat these utilities fairly and maintain them at their maximum efficiency as a part of our national equipment for the prosecution of the war.

Had not the Commission permitted the utilities to raise their rates to meet the increased cost of operation, there would have been curtailment of service and receiverships for utilities in many parts of the State, with large receivership expenses and even higher rates to be paid by the public, and it was much better for the public that the Commission should grant the necessary increases in the rates.

### TEMPORARY INCREASES ONLY.

While it was necessary and the duty of the Commission to permit the utilities to raise their rates to meet the increased cost of operation, yet the Commission has been careful to protect the consuming public against exorbitant rates after the war prices shall have passed away by putting in the increased rates of the utility in each case during the war for a temporary period only, usually for one year, with an express reservation in the order of jurisdiction on the part of the Commission to change or readjust the rates in accordance with the utility's operating expenses at the expiration of the temporary period or at any other time that the conditions may permit.

While it has been charged that certain other lines of business have been "profiteering," that is, making unreasonable profits during the war, it is certain that the public utilities have not, since under the law they cannot raise the rates for their service without an order of this Commission, and no order has been issued by the Commission permitting a utility to charge an unreasonable rate. While the increased rates granted util-

ities in some instances may have seemed high to some persons, no increased rate has been granted without a full investigation of the merits, or in excess of the amount necessary to enable the utility to meet the increased cost of operation and render service. It is a known fact that the operating costs of utilities, including labor, copper, steel, coal, coke and oil have increased from 50 to 400 per cent and there have necessarily been substantial increases in the rates of the companies in many cases. But the fact that the utilities cannot raise their rates without the consent of the Commission is a guaranty against their "profiteering."

### CHANGING FRANCHISE RATES.

The Commission itself has divided upon the question whether we may permit an increase of the franchise rates of street railways, three of the Commissioners holding that we may do so and two holding to the contrary. The opinion of the minority was based upon the contention that the cities were authorized by Section 20 of Article XII of the Constitution to fix an unalterable rate during the life of the franchise, while the majority of the Commission held that the police power of the State to regulate rates was reserved to the State by other provisions of the Constitution and that the Commission acting for the State could exercise its superior power to change the rates whenever necessary to secure adequate street car service. The two cases involving street car fares in St. Louis and Kansas City, in which the Commission divided in opinion, are now pending in the Supreme Court and an early decision is expected therein. (Since writing this article the Supreme Court of Missouri has fully affirmed the Commission's decision in the St. Louis case.)

There has been no division of opinion, however, in the Commission upon its rights to permit an increase of the franchise rates of other utilities, such as telephone, electric light, gas, water and heating companies, and our decisions that we may permit an increase of the franchise rates of these utilities whenever necessary to enable the utility to meet its operating costs and render service to the public, is fully sustained by the decision of the Supreme Court of this State and generally of the other states. The Supreme Court of this State has recently set the question at rest in two decisions (204 S. W. 497, holding that the Commission might permit an increase of the franchise rates



of a water company at Sedalia; and 204 S. W. 386, holding that the Commission might permit an increase of the franchise rates of a telephone company at Fulton), and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has aptly summed up the holding of the courts generally on the question in 243 Pa. 415, 90 Atl. 199, wherein the court says: "In many jurisdictions it has been held that a contract as to rates is subject to modification or abrogation by legislative action, either direct or through the medium of a commission. Indeed, it must be conceded that the whole trend of modern decision is in this direction."

The power to regulate the rates and service of the railroads and other public utilities of the State belongs to the Legislative Department of the State and the Commission acts as an agency of the Legislature under power delegated to it by the Legislature. The power is exercised by the Legislature or by the Commission as its agent under the police power of the State and it is held by the courts that the cities and towns which are merely subdivisions of the State, cannot contract away the superior power of the State to regulate the public utilities of the State whenever necessary.

A city or town and a public utility operating therein may enter into a franchise agreement as to the rates and service of the utility and the franchise will be a valid and binding agreement between the city and the utility until such time as the State may elect to modify it, but under the law the State acting through its Commission may raise or lower the rates specified in the franchise whenever necessary to promote the public interest.

That the State may raise or lower the rates of a public utility specified in a franchise agreement between the city and the utility is not a new or strange doctrine, but it is a rule of the law as old as the police power of the State itself and it has been exercised in many cases by this and other State Commissions to lower as well as raise the franchise rates of utilities. It is also the part of wisdom that this power should be lodged and reserved in the State to the end that the public may secure adequate service by a necessary increase of the franchise rates or may be protected against extortion by reduction of an exorbitant franchise rate. Without such supervisory power of the State, the public might be denied utility service essential to its welfare or might be required through a long franchise agreement entered into between the city and utility to pay exorbitant rates throughout a long-term franchise.

Where rates have been agreed upon in a franchise between a city and a utility, the State Commission should be slow in changing them, and this Commission has never changed a franchise rate except upon proof of the necessity after a careful investigation, but the State should never surrender its time-honored power to regulate the rates and service of its public utilities whenever it is necessary to do so.

Many franchises have been granted by the cities of this State to utility corporations for periods running from twenty to fifty years and the utilities serving the public and consequently the public itself would be in an unfortunate condition if the rates named in the franchises were unchangeable during the long term of the franchise; and we think the fact that there was a State Commission with the experience and power to properly adjust the rates of the utilities during the war emergency and thereby secure service for the public, demonstrates the wisdom of reserved power in the State to modify franchise rates.

It is true that the terms of a private contract between individuals and private corporations cannot be changed without consent of the parties to the contract, but under the law a franchise agreement between the city and the public service corporation is not the same as a private contract. The courts properly lay down the rule that the public is interested in the service and rates provided for in such franchise and that it must be understood that such agreement is made between the city and the company with the implied power of the State to make such changes as may be necessary to secure adequate service for the public.

### INCREASED WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

While the Federal Government has temporarily taken over the control of the trunk line railroads and the telegraph and telephone companies during the war, yet the Public Service Commission has continued to perform many important functions with reference to these utilities and has continued as before Federal control to fully regulate the rates and service of the telephone companies. The Act of Congress of March 21, 1918, under which the trunk line railroads are being operated by the Government, expressly provides that the Federal control of railroads shall only continue for and during the war and a reasonable period thereafter not exceeding one year and nine months following the proclamation of the President of the ratification of the treaty of peace, and now that the war is over

it may be expected that the regulation of the intrastate service and rates of the railroads will soon be fully turned back to the State Commission.

The volume of work of the Public Service Commission, however, has greatly increased in the year 1918 over any previous year, notwithstanding the control of the railroads by the Federal Government.

The large increased volume of business before the Commission during the present year is due in part to the increased number of cases involving the rates and service of street railroads, electric light companies, gas companies, water companies, telephone and heating companies throughout the State. The following table will show the increase in the number of formal cases before the Commission in the year 1918 over the previous years:

**Average number of Formal Cases per Month Before the  
Public Service Commission.**

Year.	Average formal cases per month.
1913, 8½ months.....	20
1914.....	29
1915.....	22
1916.....	24
1917.....	23
Average formal cases per month, above years.....	24

**1918, Eleven Months.**

January.....	34
February.....	33
March.....	33
April.....	50
May.....	34
June.....	56
July.....	42
August.....	32
September.....	57
October.....	33
November.....	44
Average formal cases per month, 11 months, 1918 (an increase of 67 per cent).....	40

It thus appears that there has been an increase of 67 per cent in the formal cases filed with the Commission in 1918 over the previous years and there has also been a very substantial

increase in the number of informal cases handled by the Commission; the formal cases being the more important ones in which the Commission has made investigation and issued formal orders; and the informal cases being those adjusted by correspondence or through the departments without formal orders by the Commission.

The present volume of business, or probably with the termination of Federal control of the railroads an even greater volume of business, will also be before the Commission during the next few years or at least during the reconstruction period following the war. As stated above, the Commission for the purpose of protecting the public against unjust rates after the war has put in the increases during the war for temporary periods, and has expressly reserved jurisdiction in its orders to readjust the rates as soon as conditions will permit, with the result that as the temporary periods of these rate increases expire, the Commission will again investigate the operating expenses, revenues, etc., of each utility so as to determine the necessities of each case at that time; and the Commission will also be required to inventory and value the property of many utilities during the reconstruction period for the purpose of fixing just and reasonable rates therefor.

### COST OF STATE REGULATION.

The total expense of the Public Service Commission to the State, including all salaries and expenses, after crediting the fees collected and turned into the State Treasury by it, has averaged less than \$80,000 per annum during the six years of its existence, which is a small cost compared with the large volume of work done by it.

The entire civil and contingent expenses of the Commission for the years 1913 to December 1, 1918, are as follows:

#### Administrative Cost of Public Service Commission.

Year.	Departmental cost.
1913, 8½ months.....	\$59,801.58
1914.....	147,328.66
1915.....	126,523.74
1916.....	116,913.20
1917.....	113,260.91
1918, to December 1.....	126,611.28
Total expense.....	\$690,439.37

The fees collected by the Commission and paid into the State Treasury for the years 1913 to December 1, 1918, are as follows:

**Fees Collected by Public Service Commission.**

Year.	Total fees collected.
1913, 8½ months .....	\$35,311.35
1914.....	60,347.80
1915.....	15,552.22
1916.....	71,976.96
1917.....	45,040.55
1918, to December 1.....	23,771.31
Total fees collected.....	\$232,631.76

The Public Service Commission Act provides that the Commission shall collect and pay into the State Treasury certain fees for its orders authorizing the issuance of stocks and bonds by public utilities, and it will be found that after deducting the fees collected from the total expenses of the Commission, that the entire cost of the Commission to the State has averaged less than \$80,000 per annum during the six years as above stated. And in addition to the above fees in the sum of \$232,631.76, which have been directly collected and turned into the State Treasury by the Commission, there have been paid into the State Treasury as the indirect result of the orders of the Commission requiring the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company and the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company to reincorporate under the laws of Missouri the following fees for incorporation: October 22, 1916, St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company, \$225,025; March 5, 1917, Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, \$150,025; so that on the whole the cost of the Commission has been small.

It will be noticed from the above statement that the fees collected and turned into the Treasury by the Commission during the year 1918 have been less than during any previous year with the exception of 1915, which is accounted for by the fact that during the war there has been less construction work and less securities issued on which to collect fees than in normal times, but now that the war is over it may be expected that there will be a larger number of applications to the Commission for authority to issue securities, and a larger amount of fees collected and turned into the State Treasury.

The small relative cost of the Commission to the State will especially appear in view of the fact that the Commission is charged with the regulation of the intrastate rates and service of all the railroads, express companies, street railroads, telegraph and telephone companies, electric light, gas, water and heating companies in the State. Missouri is not only the fifth state in the Union, but it has an unusual number of large cities with many large public utilities operating therein, and when the cost of the Commission is compared with the volume and value of its work to the public, it is insignificant.

### NECESSITY OF STATE COMMISSION.

It is essential to the public welfare, of course, that there should be regulation of the rates and service of the public utilities of a big state like Missouri, and experience has demonstrated that the power should be vested in an impartial, unprejudiced and experienced State Commission. Realizing the necessity of regulation, the General Assembly of this State in 1907 (Secs. 9568-9570, R. S. Mo. 1909) conferred the power of regulating the rates of street railway, telephone, electric light, gas, water and heating companies upon the cities of the State, but regulation by the cities was found to be unsatisfactory, and in 1913 the act conferring power on the cities was repealed and the power vested in a State Commission.

Cities and towns cannot regulate the rates and service of railroads, express companies, telegraph and long distance telephone companies, or efficiently value the properties or supervise the issuance of the securities of public utilities, and experience has shown that it is much better to combine the power of regulating all the public utilities of the State in a State Commission which is in continuous session, devotes all of its time and study to the question of utility rates and service, is aided by its experts on engineering, valuations, accounting, rates and service, is removed from politics and local prejudice and therefore fair and impartial, and which proceeds in all of its work and hearings without regard to the technical rules of practice or evidence with the sole purpose of securing just and adequate service for the public in return for fair and reasonable rates. The proceedings before the Commission are so plain and simple that the humblest citizen of the State may file and prosecute his own complaint, and the Commission is enabled to secure prompt and speedy justice in every case.

That the work of regulating public utilities is difficult and technical, requiring constant study and application by a Commission and its experts, was demonstrated by the fact that several of the cities of this State established their own commissions during the time they were authorized to regulate certain of the utilities; and it is not only better to combine the power over all the utilities in a State Commission in order that the findings and orders of the Commission may be authoritative and effective, but it is also better from the standpoint of economy and uniformity of regulation. It will cost much less to have the work done by one commission than by many commissions, and it will be better to have uniformity rather than conflict and confusion of regulation throughout the State.

The necessity and wisdom of having an impartial and efficient State Commission is now established by the fact that 47 of the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and the Philippine Islands, each has a similar state or central commission, and Missouri would take a distinctly backward step should the Legislature now fail to fully support the Commission or repeal or weaken the Public Service Commission Act as has been suggested in some quarters. The necessity for an experienced State Commission during the reconstruction period when so many rates will have to be readjusted throughout the State, will be greater than ever before, and instead of impairing the Act or the powers of the Commission, there should be every disposition at this time especially to aid and strengthen the Commission.

The Public Service Commission Law of this State is a progressive act which embraces the best provisions of the acts of the other states and is regarded as one of the best and most thorough Public Service Commission Acts in the United States, and it would be a distinct loss to the State should it be seriously weakened or impaired by amendments. The Supreme Court of this State in an opinion by Judge LAMM (254 Mo. 534) has said of the Act: "That Act is an elaborate law bottomed on the police power. It evidences a public policy hammered out on the anvil of public discussion. It apparently recognizes certain generally accepted economic principles and conditions, to wit, that a public utility (like gas, water, car service, etc.) is in its nature a monopoly; that competition is inadequate to protect the public, and, if it exists, is likely to become an economic waste; that State regulation takes the place of and stands for

competition; that such regulation, to command respect from patron or utility-owner, must be in the name of the over-lord, the State, and to be effective must possess the power of intelligent visitation and the plenary supervision of every business feature to be finally (however invisibly) reflected in rates and quality of service. . . . The Act, then, is a highly remedial one, filling a manifest want, is worthy of a hopeful future, and on well-settled legal principles is to be liberally construed to further its life and purpose by advancing the benefits and retarding the mischief struck at. . . . He who reads that Act and does not see a complete rounded scheme for dealing with the business of public utilities at every spot where the shoe pinches the public or the utility, reads it to little purpose."

Only one amendment tending to cripple the Act has been enacted by the Legislature and that was the amendment adopted in 1917 by which municipally-owned water plants were taken out from under the jurisdiction of the Commission, and results have shown that this was an unfortunate amendment, especially for the smaller cities and towns that own their water systems. The Commission has rendered much valuable aid and assistance to the municipal plants of the State, especially of the smaller towns and cities, with reference to their rates, keeping their records and accounts, purification of water, and other matters which they were not equipped to handle, and many municipal water plants have requested and received valuable assistance from the Commission even since the amendment of 1917. While it has never been necessary under the Public Service Commission Act to obtain the consent of the Commission to construct and operate a municipal plant, yet the regulation of the rates and service of municipal plants after construction was wisely placed under the jurisdiction of the Commission and this has resulted in much benefit both to the consumers and to the municipal utility.

One of the purposes of State regulation by a State Commission is to fix the rates of all public utilities so that the utility may be entitled to earn and the public required to pay rates only upon the fair value of the property actually devoted to the public use, and during the six years of the Commission's work it has inventoried and valued with the aid of its engineers and accountants the property of many utilities in this State with an aggregate property value of \$61,647,839. The Commission purposes to proceed with the valuation of the other utilities in



✓ this State as rapidly as possible and the value and importance of these valuations is not alone in the fact that they furnish a basis for regulating the rates and service of the utilities but also the basis for taxation by the State of the property of the utilities. It has been said that the valuation of this vast property by the Commission is in itself worth more to the people of the State than the entire cost of the Commission.

Another important effect of State regulation is that public service corporations may not now issue stocks, bonds or securities without an order of the Commission. Prior to the passage of the Act, the public service corporations could issue their securities without an investigation of the value of the property back of the issues, but under regulation by the State Commission before these stocks, bonds or securities may now be issued, an application is filed with the Commission, a hearing is had, and the company is permitted to issue only such securities as may represent the real value of the property, and the company is required to keep and devote the proceeds of the securities to the service of the public.

As a result of the jurisdiction of the State Commission over the issuance of stocks, bonds and securities by public service corporations the "water" is being squeezed out of such property in this State and the public is relieved of paying rates on "watered" stocks, bonds and securities. The investors in these stocks, bonds and securities are also greatly benefited in that they know that the securities issued under the supervision of the Commission do not exceed the real value of the property and that the proceeds of the securities are kept in the properties against which the securities are issued. In this feature also, the magnitude of the work of the Commission appears from the fact that the Commission has supervised the issuance of such securities in the last six years aggregating the enormous sum of \$1,484,961,750.80.

The Missouri Commission has been fortunate in being able to employ competent and skillful engineers, accountants, and rate experts for its technical departments, and it has been largely through their untiring aid and assistance that the Commission has been able to promptly dispatch the large volume of business handled by the Commission during the last six years, and all have served the State at modest salaries and with fidelity to the public interests.

Unfortunately, the war came on soon after the regulation by the State Commission was established, resulting in necessary

and unavoidable increases of rates by the Commission, which has caused criticism of the Commission by certain persons in the State. As stated above, the increases granted during the war were only such as to enable the utilities to live and render necessary service, and have been put in for temporary periods only. The increases granted in this State are also no greater than have been authorized generally throughout the United States.

The Commission has also frequently used its power to reduce the rates of utilities and if it exercises its power to reduce, it must of necessity exercise its power to raise rates whenever necessary, as otherwise regulation would be unfair and a failure. Efficient regulation by the State is necessary to the public welfare and it is to be hoped that it may not be crippled by reason of the temporary conditions brought on by the war. We do not understand that there is any serious movement on foot to repeal the Public Service Commission Act and neither should its efficiency be weakened by amendments.

### HISTORICAL.

#### **Appointments—Time of Service of Each Commissioner—Membership of the Commission to December 1, 1918.**

The law creating the Missouri Public Service Commission was introduced in the legislature by Senator William G. Busby of Carroll County, and provides that its effective date shall be April 15, 1913; that the Commission shall consist of five (5) members, who shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated by the Governor to be chairman of the Commission; that one of said Commissioners shall hold office for two years, two shall each hold office for four years, and two shall each hold office for six years; that upon the expiration of each of said terms each Commissioner thereafter appointed shall be commissioned for a term of six years; and that vacancies in the Commission shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term.

Effective April 15, 1913, there were appointed:

**FRANK A. WIGHTMAN**, railroad expert, of Monett, Mo., for a term of two years, ended April 15, 1915.

**JOHN KENNISH**, lawyer, of Kansas City, Mo., for a term of four years, ended April 15, 1917.

HOWARD B. SHAW, electrical engineer, of Columbia, Mo., for a term of four years, ended April 15, 1917.

JOHN M. ATKINSON, lawyer, Chairman, of Doniphan, Mo., for a term of six years ending April 15, 1919.

WILLIAM F. WOERNER, lawyer, of St. Louis, Mo., effective July 3, 1913, for a term ending April 15, 1919.

WILLIAM F. WOERNER, resigned, effective November 18, 1914; and EDWIN J. BEAN, lawyer, of DeSoto, Mo., effective November 19, 1914, was appointed for the unexpired term ending April 15, 1919.

FRANK A. WIGHTMAN, resigned, effective April 24, 1915; and EUGENE McQUILLIN, lawyer, of St. Louis, Mo., effective April 24, 1915, was appointed for a term ending April 15, 1921.

JOHN M. ATKINSON, Chairman, resigned, effective May 1, 1916; and WILLIAM G. BUSBY, lawyer, of Carrollton, Mo., effective May 1, 1916, was appointed for the unexpired term, ending April 15, 1919, and named as Chairman of the Commission.

EUGENE McQUILLIN, resigned, effective February 21, 1917; and DAVID E. BLAIR, lawyer, of Joplin, Mo., effective February 26, 1917, was appointed for the unexpired term, ending April 15, 1921.

NOAH W. SIMPSON, lawyer, of LaBelle, Mo., effective April 15, 1917, was appointed for a term ending April 15, 1923, vice John Kennish, whose term had expired.

EDWARD FLAD, civil engineer, of St. Louis, Mo., effective April 15, 1917, was appointed for a term ending April 15, 1923, vice Howard B. Shaw, whose term had expired.

### **Membership of the Commission for Period of Time Named.**

From April 15, 1913, to July 3, 1913:

JOHN M. ATKINSON, Chairman;  
JOHN KENNISH,  
HOWARD B. SHAW,  
FRANK A. WIGHTMAN.

From July 3, 1913, to November 18, 1914:

JOHN M. ATKINSON, Chairman;  
JOHN KENNISH,  
HOWARD B. SHAW,  
FRANK A. WIGHTMAN,  
WILLIAM F. WOERNER.

From November 18, 1914, to April 24, 1915:

JOHN M. ATKINSON, Chairman;  
JOHN KENNISH,  
HOWARD B. SHAW,  
FRANK A. WIGHTMAN,  
EDWIN J. BEAN.

From April 24, 1915, to May 1, 1916:

JOHN M. ATKINSON, Chairman;  
JOHN KENNISH,  
HOWARD B. SHAW,  
EDWIN J. BEAN,  
EUGENE MCQUILLIN.

From May 1, 1916, to February 21, 1917:

WILLIAM G. BUSBY, Chairman;  
JOHN KENNISH,  
HOWARD B. SHAW,  
EDWIN J. BEAN,  
EUGENE MCQUILLIN.

From February 21, 1917, to February 26, 1917:

WILLIAM G. BUSBY, Chairman;  
JOHN KENNISH,  
HOWARD B. SHAW,  
EDWIN J. BEAN.

From February 26, 1917, to April 15, 1917:

WILLIAM G. BUSBY, Chairman;  
JOHN KENNISH,  
HOWARD B. SHAW,  
EDWIN J. BEAN,  
DAVID E. BLAIR.

From April 15, 1917, to December 1, 1918:

WILLIAM G. BUSBY, Chairman;  
EDWIN J. BEAN,  
DAVID E. BLAIR,  
NOAH W. SIMPSON,  
EDWARD FLAD.

### GENERAL OFFICE.

Of necessity, the work handled in the general office does not vary greatly from year to year. Cases, formal and informal, are presented, docketed, heard, disposed of and the complete record in each instance properly and efficiently filed, so that each is a matter of ready reference at a moment's notice.

For the first time, death has invaded the personnel of the Commission's force and the general office is the one to suffer. The passing of Secretary Bradbury on November 12, 1918,

creates in the lives and hearts of his associates a void that cannot be filled, and those having business with the Commission will long miss the courtly, kindly, splendid gentleman whose pleasure it was to deal with them.

### FORMAL SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

At no time in the history of the Commission have so many formal sessions been held in a single year, and all these in addition to informal meetings, official, executive conferences and various other gatherings which have been held to properly and promptly dispose of important matters coming before them.

The war construction work was turned over to the Commission by the Council of Defense and added no little to the duties of the members. With the close of hostilities the need for curtailment in this regard has ceased.

Commissioner Simpson has recently been appointed a member of a National Committee which has for its object the standardization of telephone rates, service and construction. This will not be permitted to interfere with his work on the Missouri Commission, but will bring to this body its quota of additional work and responsibility which will be handled as promptly as have all such correlative business coming before them.

### SPECIAL AUTHORITIES.

The need of special authorities arises from the fact that oftentimes great hardships would arise were all rates granted only after they had been on file with the Commission the thirty days required by the Public Service Commission law. To avoid such conditions these special authorities are issued from time to time, after investigation shows their need.

For the period covered by this report the following such special authorities were issued:

For Railroad and Express Companies.....	38
For Telephone Companies.....	4
For Gas Companies.....	1
For Electric Companies.....	6
For Water Companies.....	1

### FORMAL CASES DOCKETED.

This has been the banner year in the number and importance of formal cases docketed, heard and disposed of, there being 468 of them handled, being about 150 more than have been filed in any other one year. The subjects covered were quite as varied as at other times, though a large majority of these filings had to do with rate increases.

### LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

The department, constituted as heretofore, consists of the General Counsel and Assistant Counsel to the Commission, and one stenographer.

The department has tried or otherwise pressed to final disposition nearly all of the large number of court review proceedings, which were pending in the circuit and Supreme courts at the beginning of the present year, together with a number of suits pending or brought during the year in the United States district courts, and in the Supreme Court of the United States.

In addition to the work of preparing transcripts and returns in these cases, and of trying, arguing and briefing them, the department, at the direction of the Commission, has appeared on behalf of the public in a large number of proceedings had before the Commission. Among the more important of these cases, the following may be mentioned:

The Kansas City Railways Service case, heard at Kansas City January, 1918.

The second hearing of the application of the Columbia Gas Company case for increase in rates.

The application of the Kansas City, Clay County & St. Joseph Railway Company for increase in valuation of property.

The Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Railroad Company rate hearing.

The Complaint of Paul Culver against the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad Company.

The Application of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for increase of rates at St. Louis.

The department has also prepared and rendered a large number of oral and written legal opinions, when directed to do

so by the Commission, or upon the request of the various departments.

The following is a complete list of all the cases disposed of or now pending in the various courts during the period of this report:

1. **The Kansas Natural Gas Case:** This litigation has been the most protracted of all with which the department has been engaged. It was a suit brought by John M. Landon, as Receiver of the Kansas Natural Gas Company, in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, early in the year, 1916, for the purpose of enjoining the Commissions of Missouri and Kansas from regulating the rates for natural gas furnished by the Receiver to local companies in the various cities of the two states, and to enjoin the cities themselves, and the respective local companies operating in them from interfering in any way with the rates fixed by the Receiver.

The application for a temporary injunction was heard in part at Kansas City, Kan., and in part at St. Paul, Minn. The application for a temporary injunction was granted as to the Kansas Commission, but was denied as to the Missouri Commission. The hearing of the case upon its merits was held at Kansas City, Kan., before Judge Wilbur F. Booth of Minneapolis, and several weeks of time were occupied in the taking of testimony, and the various proceedings incident thereto.

Upon the final judgment, rendered August 3, 1917, the Commissions of both states were enjoined, chiefly upon the ground that the sale of natural gas in both Kansas and Missouri was an interstate commerce business over which the local authorities had no jurisdiction.

Separate appeals were taken by the two Commissions to the Supreme Court of the United States. The proceedings necessary to perfect the appeals were had before Judge Booth in October and in December, 1917, at Minneapolis. The entire record included many thousands of pages, and the record as settled by the Judge for presenting the issues on appeal, makes more than twelve hundred printed pages.

The case on appeal in the Supreme Court of the United States was briefed, and was orally argued by this department in that court on the 6th day of November, 1918. No decision has been rendered at this time.

2. **Union Pacific Fee Case:** This case involves the payment of a fee to the State of \$10,962.25, assessed by the Public Service Commission against the Railroad Company upon a bond issue submitted by the Railroad Company to the Commission and approved by the Commission. The money was paid under protest, and a suit brought by the Railroad Company in the Cole County Circuit Court to set aside the order taxing the fee. The circuit court set aside the order of the Commission, and an appeal was taken for the Commission to the Supreme Court of Missouri, which reversed the judgment of the circuit court, and sustained the Commission. The Union Pacific Railroad Company took an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the case on appeal was briefed, and orally argued by this department, in the latter court on the 20th day of November, 1918. No decision has yet been handed down.

3. **The Columbia Gas Case:** This case involved the ownership of the sum of \$8,400.00 of money impounded by the Columbia Gas Company, under order of the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri, pending the determination of a suit brought by the Gas Company to review an order of the Commission lowering the rates of the company during a test period. The Supreme Court, upon appeal, sustained the order of the Commission lowering rates; but, in the subsequent and ancillary proceeding to determine the ownership of the impounded money, held, by a decision rendered on June 18, 1918, that the money so impounded belonged to the Gas Company.

4. **Caruthersville Train Case:** This was a suit brought by the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company to set aside an order of the Commission ordering additional train service at the city of Caruthersville. The case on appeal was briefed and argued in the Supreme Court, in Division 1, and, the court being divided, was reargued before the Court in Banc, at the January call, 1918. A decision has not yet been rendered.

5 and 6. **Rich Hill and Bunceton Track Scale Cases:** These were suits brought by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company to set aside orders of the Commission to maintain track scales, respectively, at the two towns mentioned. The cases were heard together by the Supreme Court, at the April term, 1918, and a decision handed down June 13, 1918, reversing the order of the Commission.



**7. Sedalia Water Company Case:** This was a suit brought by the City of Sedalia to set aside an order of the Commission increasing the rates for water in the City of Sedalia above those specified in a contract entered into some years ago between the city and the Water Company, and wherein the company, prior to the date of the order increasing rates, had expended a large sum, pursuant to an order of the Commission, extending and improving the service. The case, on appeal of the city, was heard by the Supreme Court at the April term, 1918, and a decision handed down on June 4, 1918, sustaining the order of the Commission. The city has taken an appeal in this case to the Supreme Court of the United States, which will probably be reached by that court at the October term, 1919.

**8. Fulton Telephone Case:** This was a suit brought by the City of Fulton in the Cole County Circuit Court to set aside an order of the Commission authorizing an increase in the rates for telephone service in that city above those fixed by the franchise ordinance passed many years before. The circuit court sustained the order of the Commission. The city appealed to the Supreme Court, where a hearing of the appeal was had at the April term, 1918. The Supreme Court in an opinion handed down, in banc, on June 13, 1918, followed the doctrine laid down in the Sedalia Water Company case, above mentioned, and by a decision concurred in by all of the judges, sustained the Commission. The City of Fulton has taken an appeal from this decision to the Supreme Court of the United States, where a hearing will probably be reached about October, 1919.

**9. The Carthage Spur Track Case:** This is a suit brought by the Southwest Missouri Railroad Company, a street railroad company operating in the City of Carthage. Its purpose is to set aside an order of the Commission denying to the company the right to abandon certain tracks of the company in Carthage, mentioned in its franchise, the operation of which has proved to be unprofitable. The Circuit Court of Cole County affirmed the order of the Commission. The company appealed, and the appeal was heard at the October term, 1918. No decision has been rendered by the Supreme Court.

**10. The California Train Service Case:** This was a suit brought by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company to review and set aside an order of the Commission requiring the company to stop two of its trains at California, under certain con-

ditions specified in the order. The circuit court set aside the order in part, and the Supreme Court, upon appeal prosecuted by the Commission, sustained the circuit court in a decision handed down March 5, 1918.

**11. Missouri Southern Railway Mandamus Case:** A suit brought by the Commission against the Railway Company, in the Circuit Court of Wayne County, to compel the Railway Company to operate certain spurs which it was threatening to abandon. A change of venue was taken by the Railway Company to Jefferson county, where a peremptory writ was awarded the Commission against the Railway Company. An appeal has been taken by the Railway Company to the Supreme Court, where the case is now pending.

**12. Missouri Southern Railway Rates Case:** This was a suit brought in the Wayne County Circuit Court to review an order of the Commission fixing rates for service over certain industrial tracks. A change of venue was taken by the company to the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, where upon a trial the order of the Commission was in a modified form sustained. The Railway Company appealed, and the case is pending in the Supreme Court.

**13. The Iron Mountain Milk Loading Case:** This was a suit brought by the Receiver of the Iron Mountain Railway Company to review and set aside an order of the Commission making certain regulations required of the Railway Company in the loading of milk upon certain of its passenger trains. The suit was brought and tried in Jefferson County Circuit Court in 1917, but a decision was not rendered by the court until June, 1918. The circuit court sustained the order of the Commission, and the Railway Company appealed, and the appeal is now pending in the Supreme Court.

**14. Missouri Pacific Tie Shipment Case and Suit in Prohibition:** In July, 1917, a suit was brought by the Commission in the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, against the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company to restrain the company from refusing to furnish cars for the shipment of ties in carload lots to certain shippers alleged to be the subject of unlawful discrimination by the Railroad Company. The circuit court, through Judge Vital W. Garesche, issued a temporary restraining order against the company. Pending the hearing the Railroad Company sued out a writ of prohibition in the Supreme

Court against Judge Garesche alleging want of jurisdiction by Judge Garesche in the action taken by him. The suit in prohibition was heard by the Supreme Court at the January call, 1918, and on March 29, 1918, a decision was rendered awarding a peremptory writ of prohibition.

15. **The Kansas City Railways Fee Case:** This was a suit by the Railways Company contesting the right of the Commission to tax up a fee of \$9,913.00, to be paid to the state, on account of a bond issue made by the company under an order of the Commission approving the issue. The case was finally decided on appeal by the Supreme Court in a decision handed down January 15, 1918. The money has been paid by the Railways Company into the State Treasury.

16. **Kansas City Light and Power Company Fee Case:** This was a companion suit to the one last above mentioned, involving like issues and involving the payment of the sum of \$2,988.00 to the State. The same result was reached, and the money has been paid into the State Treasury.

17. **The North Jefferson Interlocker Case:** This was a suit brought by the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company to set aside an order of the Commission requiring the construction of an interlocking plant at North Jefferson, by the Chicago & Alton, and M., K. & T. Railway Companies, and apportioning the expense of the plant between the two companies. The Circuit Court of Cole County sustained the Commission, and upon the appeal taken by the Chicago & Alton Company, the Supreme Court, by a decision rendered on June 13, 1918, affirmed the judgment of the circuit court and the order of the Commission.

18. **Danciger and Company Cases:** Three suits brought by M. O. Danciger & Co. in the Circuit Court of Jackson County to set aside orders made by the Commission requiring Danciger & Co. to restore electric service to certain customers in the town of Weston. The circuit court set aside the orders of the Commission. The Commission appealed, and the Supreme Court, on July 16, 1918, affirmed the judgment of the circuit court, holding that the facts did not show that Danciger & Co. were a public utility and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

19. **Kansas City Railways Fares Case:** A suit brought by the City of Kansas City, Mo., against the Commission to set aside an order of the Commission allowing the Railways Com-

pany to charge six cents, instead of five cents, the franchise rate. The Circuit Court of Cole County set aside the order of the Commission. Appeals were taken by the Commission and by the Railways Company, and were submitted to the Supreme Court on November 6, 1918. No decision has yet been rendered.

**20. The United Railways of St. Louis Fares Case:** This is a suit brought by the City of St. Louis for the same purpose and involving the same issues as in the last-mentioned suit brought by the City of Kansas City. Similar proceedings have been had. No decision has been rendered at the time of making this report.

**21. Ozark Valley Railroad Case:** This was an application made to the United States District Court, for the Eastern District of Missouri, at St. Louis, in Receivership proceedings, by the Receiver and bondholders of the Railroad Company, for an order of court permitting the Receiver to sell the property with the right in the purchaser to "junk" the same, and destroy its use as a common carrier. An order of service of notice upon the Public Service Commission was made, and the Commission entered its appearance through the Legal Department, and resisted the application. A hearing was had before Judges Dyer and Pollock in March, 1918. The application was sustained, and an order made by the court allowing the sale. The property was located in Wayne county.

**22. Illinois Southern Railroad Case:** In this case there was an application made in the same court, as in the last mentioned case, for the sale for "junk" purposes of the property of the Illinois Southern Railroad Company, situated in St. Francois county. The Commission was notified of the application, and appearance to the application made, and a hearing had at St. Louis in October, 1918. After the hearing the applicants withdrew their application.

**23. The Aurora Interlocker Case:** This is a suit brought by the Commission in the Circuit Court of Cole County against the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company and the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company, to secure a writ of mandamus compelling the companies to construct an interlocking plant at the crossing of their lines at Aurora, Mo., in obedience to an order made by the Commission in 1916, against the predecessor companies of the present owners. The predecessor companies against which the order was made, were the Iron Mountain,

and the Old Frisco Company, before the sale of the properties under reorganization proceedings. The Circuit Court of Cole County, upon a hearing in August, 1918, entered judgment for the Commission, awarding the writ. An appeal has been taken by the Railroad Companies, and is now pending in the Supreme Court.

**24. The Pilot Grove Train Service Case:** This is a suit brought by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company to set aside an order of the Commission requiring additional train service at the town of Pilot Grove. The circuit court sustained the Commission. The Railway Company appealed. The appeal was argued in the Supreme Court and submitted at the October term, 1918. No decision has yet been rendered.

**25. The United Railways and Hamilton Avenue Case:** This was a suit brought by L. O. Goedde and others of St. Louis, to review and set aside an order of the Commission permitting the United Railways Company of St. Louis to make certain extensions and improvements in the city and county of St. Louis, under appropriate permits by the authorities of the city and county, and to permit certain changes in the service on the Hamilton Avenue Line of the company. The case was heard in the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, in February, 1918, and later, judgment entered sustaining the order of the Commission. No appeal has been taken by the Relators.

**26. Kansas City Railways Company-National War Labor Board Case:** This is a suit filed October 24, 1918, in the United States District Courts, for the Western District of Missouri, and for the District of Kansas, against the Public Service Commission of Missouri, the Public Utilities Commission of Kansas, the two cities, Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan., and the representatives of the two Union Labor organizations to which the employes of the Railways Company belong. The suit is based upon an award of the National War Labor Board raising materially the wages of the employes and directing that an increase in rates of fares be made, sufficient to cover the increases in wages of the men. The company alleges that it is necessary to raise rates of fare to 8 cents for a single fare, or 15 cents for two fares, to meet the increase of wages allowed to the employes. An injunction is asked against the Commissions of both states, and against the Attorney-General of each state, and against the officials of the two Kansas Cities, restraining them from interfering in any way with the Railways Company in col-

lecting the fares just stated. A hearing of the application for a temporary writ of injunction was had at Kansas City, Mo., on Monday November 25, 1918, before Circuit Judge Walter H. Sanborn, and District Judges Pollock and Van Valkenberg, at which all parties defendant were heard.

**Work as Special Examiners:** In addition to having charge of the foregoing matters in the courts, the General Counsel or Assistant Counsel has been appointed by order of the Commission, Special Examiner, to take the testimony and prepare findings thereon in a considerable number of cases brought before the Commission.

This has been found necessary by reason of the unusual number of cases arising under the abnormal conditions existing in recent months; and also, on account of the policy of the Commission, as far as possible, to have hearings held and testimony taken in the town or city where all of the parties concerned are located.

In all, fifteen of these cases have been thus assigned, hearings held in the appropriate town or city, and reports prepared thereon, or are in course of preparation for the consideration of the Commission.

### RAILROAD DEPARTMENT.

This Department has jurisdiction over questions of rates of all the transportation companies and service upon steam lines.

Detailed duties of this Department have been published in previous annual reports, and will not be repeated at this time.

**Government Control of Railroads:** Since the rendering of the last annual report, the trunk line railroads have passed under government control. The first real rate regulation by the Federal Government was the increase in passenger rates, effective June 10, 1918, and this provided a standard rate on lines in Missouri of not less than 3 cents per mile. The effective rate at that time, as fixed by this Commission, was 2½ cents per mile. The carriers have been assessing an increase in the passenger rates of 20 per cent, which, because of previous fares in Missouri ending in nought or five requires the passenger in Missouri to pay one mile extra wherever the distance ends in odd figures. This has been called to the attention of the Railroad Administration a number of times, but a correction has not yet been secured.

In addition to an increase in passenger rates from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents to 3 cents per mile, an extra charge of  $16\frac{2}{3}$  per cent of the passenger fare was assessed as the privilege of riding in pullman or parlor cars. This is equivalent to a charge of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents per mile, but the Commission is advised that this will be withdrawn, effective December 1, 1918.

Concurrently with the advance of the passenger rates, the Director General ordered an advance in freight rates for effectiveness June 25, 1918. The original proposal was to advance all intrastate rates to the basis of governing interstate rates, and then advance all rates 25 per cent, except that on certain commodities a fixed advance was provided. The proposal also provided for a minimum collection on carload shipments of \$15.00. This Commission protested to the Director General that to advance the state rates to the interstate basis was unreasonable per se, in that it gave a weight of sanctity to the interstate rates that was not justified, and especially so when it was considered that many of the interstate rates were paper rates, and had never been used on actual traffic. It was also urged by this Commission that to apply a minimum charge of \$15.00 per car on all commodities, regardless of the haul or the circumstances, was unreasonable and would result in the closing down of many industries. This same view was taken by many other State Commissions, and prior to the effectiveness of the rate, the Director General ordered the cancellation of that part of the proposal relative to the advancing of the state to the interstate basis, and withdrew the minimum charge of \$15.00 per car on many heavy commodities, such as sand, rock, etc.

The order provided that where coal rates had not been advanced since June 1, 1917, they should first be advanced 15 cents per ton. This was to equalize state rates with advances allowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1917, applicable on interstate traffic. After this advance was made, the order then provided that all coal rates should be advanced specific sums, depending upon the measure of the rates and upon a large portion of the coal traffic moving intrastate in Missouri, this advance representing a 100 per cent increase in the rate. All coal moving into Kansas City from Missouri points of origin, where the rate was 40 cents per ton, was advanced to 80 cents. This was protested by this Commission, but without success.

The percentage basis of advancing rates has brought about many inequalities and some discriminations, and where dis-

covered, these have been brought to the attention of the Railroad Administration.

On November 4th of this year this Commission received from the Railroad Administration a proposal to advance all class rates to standard figures. It is understood that this proposal will group the entire territory west of the Mississippi river into three districts, the first to include Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and that portion of Missouri lying north of the Missouri river; the second to include Kansas, Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and that portion of Missouri lying south of the Missouri river. The other territory is not material to this report. The proposition is to place a scale of rates, known as the 100 per cent scale, applicable to the group south of the Missouri river and a 75 per cent scale in the territory north thereof. If these rates become effective they will result in material advances on Missouri state traffic and will put a dividing boundary on Missouri traffic that does not represent actual traffic conditions, and a serious protest has been filed with the Administration and will be followed up with the necessary evidence at the proper time.

**Express Rates:** The five principal express companies have been consolidated into what is now called the American Railway Express Company. Due to the war there was a congestion of freight traffic and the express companies were called upon to perform transportation that was never intended for express lines, the moving of heavy articles. This class of traffic so congested the express companies that it became necessary to restrict the size of packages that would be transported.

Shortly after the amalgamation of the express companies a thorough investigation was conducted by the Interstate Commerce Commission and it was found that the companies could not continue to operate at the revenues then existing, and an increase of 10 per cent in express charges was authorized.

It has lately developed that due to increased wages that are to be paid express employees, additional revenue, amounting to approximately \$12,000,000, will be needed. The Director General asked for an investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and it was found, due to the contract the express companies had with the Railroad Administration, it would be necessary to increase their rates to such an extent as to secure approximately \$24,000,000 to realize \$12,000,000 for their own account, the balance going to the railway lines.



The President has within the last thirty days issued his proclamation placing the express business under Federal control, and Director General McAdoo has given notice of an advance in express rates, effective January 1, 1919, which will approximate another 10 per cent.

It is the general impression, in railroad circles, that all roads will soon be relinquished from Federal control and returned to their owners.

Numerous proceedings have been begun in the courts in the last sixty days to determine the authority of the Director General and at this writing the indications point strongly to the return of the railroads to the jurisdiction of the State Commissions on intrastate traffic in the very near future and, when this is accomplished, the work of this department will be materially increased for a year or more thereafter.

**Filing Tariffs:** At the present time the railroads in Missouri that are under Federal Control do not file tariffs with this Commission under P. S. C. Mo. Nos., but file for the information of the Commission only, at the direction of the Director General.

**Informal Complaints:** The number of informal complaints during the past year have materially increased, which was to be expected. By reason of this country being at war, a large portion of the facilities of the transportation companies have been necessary to transport the fighting units and their equipment, together with material for the manufacture of munitions, etc. Upon the whole, the shippers of Missouri have taken the delay in transportation in the proper spirit, and have filed but few complaints against the service when they understood the reasons for the delay.

Congestions have occurred at various times, and in the majority of instances these have been properly cleared when brought to the attention of the high officials of the company.

Many complaints have been received relative to inadequate station facilities, but these have not been pressed, due to the war conditions.

The change in the rate situation was brought about through what is known as Jumbo Supplements—that is, one supplement to a number of tariffs, and the form of these tariffs was such that the average agent was not able to accurately figure the rates. This has resulted in many overcharges and numerous

complaints to the Commission have resulted, but in every instance adjustments have been promptly made.

The trunk lines being under Federal control has not prevented the Commission from continuing its work of regulations, but where there was a question of such action interfering with the use of the railroads in the program of winning the war, such matters were docketed under this heading and handled with the Administration at Washington, and in practically every instance the necessary relief has been secured.

**Car Shortages:** The complaints of car shortages have been unusually few, when the conditions of the transportation companies are considered. During the wheat movement, with the exception of two divisions or branch lines, the crop was handled in better shape this year than during the previous year. Upon these two branches it is only fair to say that the production was far in excess of any previous year, and the movement was not anticipated. Cars have been distributed uniformly and fairly, and few complaints of discrimination have been presented.

**Cases Before the Interstate Commerce Commission:** Due to the passing of the railroads under Federal control, the number of cases this Commission has had before the Interstate Commerce Commission has been materially reduced, but with the settling of peace terms, regardless of whether the railroads remain under Federal control or are returned promptly to their owners, many cases will be filed before the Interstate Commerce Commission touching the reasonableness or legality of rates, and it is anticipated that the coming year will show more activity in this branch than in many years past.

**Outside Work:** At the request of the State Council of Defense, this Commission agreed to act as the Non-War Construction Committee under the War Industries Board, for the State of Missouri, and this work was assigned to this Department. Under the program, the government was endeavoring to restrict all building operations to the utmost, and an organization was built up by the State Council of Defense in every county within Missouri. Any party desiring a building of any character, except construction work on farms amounting to not more than \$1,000 and repairs to other buildings amounting to not more than \$2,500, required a permit. Application was first made to the County Councils or Committees, and after action by those committees they were transmitted to this Commission. The work was growing extremely heavy when the armistice was

signed on November 11th, and since that time all restrictions have been removed.

Due to the large number of cases filed by public utilities for relief necessitated by the rising prices in labor and material, this Commission has used the services of this Department a number of times to conduct these hearings, the Chief of this Department going out as Special Examiner for the Commission.

**Dismantling Railroads:** Due to the high prices paid for steel, an active business has developed during the past year in junking small railroads, taking up steel and shipping it to foreign countries. The most important of these operations was that of the Ozark Valley Railway Company and the Illinois Southern Railway Company. In the case of the Ozark Valley Railway Company, an application was filed with the Federal Court at St. Louis, this Commission intervening through its Legal Department, and protested the order authorizing this road sold for junk. A thorough investigation was made into the operations of this railroad, and it was conclusively shown that a sufficient revenue could be obtained by this carrier to more than pay its operating expenses. The court authorized the sale of the road, either as an operating concern or for junk, and at the sale it was bought under the latter heading, and this Commission has been advised that the road has been dismantled.

In the matter of the application of the bondholders of the Illinois Southern Railway to abandon that property, the Commission secured from the United States District Court a delay of one week, in order to make a thorough investigation and prepare report for the court, and, through this Department, the Commission ordered a thorough investigation made. Before this investigation was completed, the bondholders of the Railroad Company withdrew their application for permission to abandon the property.

With the ending of the war, it is assumed that the price of this class of material will be materially reduced; hence the attractiveness will not cause further activity along these lines.

**New Railroads:** During the past year a new line of railroad has been built and opened for operation in Missouri. The Moniteau Railway Company connects with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway in Morgan county at a point about two miles east of Versailles, and then runs in a northeasterly direction for approximately ten miles.

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

This Department now consists of a Chief Engineer, four assistant engineers and one stenographer. The duties of the Engineering Department consist of:

(a) Appraisal of all properties over which Commission has jurisdiction, except telephone properties.

(b) All matters relating to investigation of accidents on steam and electric railways.

(c) All matters relating to protection, alteration and elimination of grade crossings.

(d) Inspection of steam and electric railway properties.

(e) Investigations to determine necessity and safety of switch and sidetrack connections.

(f) All matters relating to steam and electric railway signal systems and interlocking plants.

(g) All matters relating to steam and electric railway clearances.

(h) All matters relating to street railway traffic studies and service.

(i) Investigation relative to applications for certificate of convenience and necessity, filed by steam and electric railways.

(j) All drainage investigations.

(k) All investigations relating to necessity of filtration of water supplies, intakes, etc., and approval of plans for same.

**Appraisal of Property of Public Utilities:** The appraisal of the properties of the following public utilities has been completed:

Joplin & Pittsburg Railway Company.

Springfield City Water Company.

St. Joseph Railway, Light Heat and Power Company.

Kansas City Light and Power Company, valuation brought down to date.

Brookfield Electric Company.

United Railways Company of St. Louis.—General plan outlined, but field work not started.

**Investigation of Accidents on Steam and Electric Railways:** Steam and electric railways are required to wire immediate report of accidents. These messages are followed by detailed report of accident. At the end of each month a summary of all the accidents that have occurred during that month is filed with the Commission.

A careful investigation is made of all wrecks and accidents resulting in injury or death. The purpose of these investigations is to determine the cause and to apply corrective measures, rather than to fix the blame.

As a result of such investigations many highway grade crossings have been protected.

**Protection, Alteration and Elimination of Grade Crossings:**  
The following crossings have been investigated, and where conditions warranted protective devices, such devices have been installed or are under consideration:

**Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co.**

Plattsburg—Eighth street—Crossing bell installed.  
Bucklin—Williamson St.—Automatic flagman installed.  
Carrollton—Main street—Automatic flagman installed.  
Hardin—First street—Automatic flagman installed.  
Hardin—Second street—Automatic flagman installed.  
Lawson—Baum street—Crossing bell installed.  
Elmer—Signal wires boxed account accident.  
Richmond—Camden St.—Automatic flagman installed.  
Marceline—Santa Fe Ave.—Automatic flagman installed.  
Marceline—Houser St.—Crossing bell installed.

**Chicago & Alton R. R. Co.**

Mayview—Crossing bell installed.

**Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co.**

Kahoka—Company asked to reduce speed to 15 miles per hour.

Guinn—Removal of knoll under consideration.  
Stewartsville—Crossing bell installed.  
Foley—No action—Open crossing.  
Winfield—Building removed to improve view.  
Bellflower—No action—Open crossing.  
Martinsburg—No action—Open crossing.

**Chicago Great Western Railroad.**

Savannah—Company has agreed to place bell.

**Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co.**

Beverly—No action—Open crossing.

Agency—Bell installed.

**St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad.**

Noxall—Crossing bell under consideration.

Eureka—Crossing protection under consideration.

Joplin—Pearl and Wall streets—Missouri Pacific and Frisco  
now considering suggestions submitted.

Rogersville—Protection of two crossings under consideration.

Steelville—Cooper St.—Bell will be installed.

Sullivan—William St.—Obstruction to view removed.

Arlington—No action—Open crossing.

Mountain View—Crossing installed at Main street.

Mansfield—Rock Ave.—Crossing bell installed.

Osceola—Second and Chestnut—Crossing bell installed.

Neosho—Washington avenue—Crossing bell installed.

Springfield—Phelps and Washington Ave.—Crossing bell  
installed.

Robertsville—No action—Open crossing.

East Verona—Crossing protection under consideration.

Carl Junction—Company agreed to place tile for drainage.

Dillman—No action—Open crossing.

**Kansas City, Clinton & Springfield Ry. Co.**

Harrisonville—Reduced speed to 15 miles per hour.

Eudora—Reduced speed to 15 miles per hour.

Phoenix—Reduced speed to 15 miles per hour.

**Kansas City, Clay County & St. Joseph Ry.**

St. Joseph—Lake boulevard—Obstruction to view of approaching trains to be removed.

Lone Star—No action—Open crossing.

**Kansas City Southern Ry. Co.**

Joplin—Fifteenth street—Bell installed.

Tipton Ford—Material ordered for bell.

Asbury—No action—Open crossing.

**Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad.**

Clinton—Allen street—Trees obstructing view removed on request.

Moberly—Moberly St.—Company has agreed to install bell.

Nevada—Crossing protection under consideration.

Clapper—Crossing bell installed.

**Missouri Pacific Railroad.**

Kansas City—Crossing under Kansas City elevated—Agreed to place tell-tales.

Victoria—Crossing bell installed.

DeSoto—Commercial street—Gates installed.

St. Louis County—Manchester road—Crossing bell installed.

Pevely—900 ft. north of depot—Crossing bell installed.

Sheldon—No action—Open crossing.

Mt. Vernon—No action—Open crossing.

Webb City—No action—Open crossing.

Adrian—No action—Open crossing.

Mile Post 86—Joplin Division—No action—Open crossing.

Independence—Crossing protection under consideration.

Lexington—Crossing protection under consideration.

Mulky—Company requested to install bell.

Crane—Company asked to remove trees and improve view.

**Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Railroad.**

Harve—No action—Open crossing.

**Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City Ry. Co.**

Kirksville—Continental Ave.—Speed reduced to 10 miles per hour.

**St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co.**

Fornfelt—Flagman protection established.

### **Wabash Railroad.**

Bridgeton—Florissant road—Bell installed.

Mexico—Near Mile Post 108—No action—Open crossing.

St. Louis—Plymouth avenue—Bell installed.

**Investigation of Safety and Adequacy of Service Rendered by Steam Railways:** Inspection of the railroads of Missouri was abandoned during the past year for the reason that most of the roads were operating under control of the Federal Government. Those roads not under Federal control were in poor financial condition, and were subject to war measures restricting the use of material.

The property of the Ozark Valley Railway Company was examined for the purpose of determining the expense of placing same in good operating condition. The property was subsequently sold and junked.

The Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis was requested to stop shoving non-air trains on Second street, St. Louis.

The Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis was requested to issue order prohibiting change of crews on approaches to Merchant's Bridge and to place walks across subway just northwest of the Merchant's Bridge. The company complied with both requests.

**Investigation of Adequacy of Service Rendered by any Public Utility:** Completed traffic study of Missouri lines of Kansas City Railways Company.

Completed traffic study on the Fourth, Natural Bridge, Bellefontaine, Tower Grove, Jefferson, Wellston and Page lines of the United Railways Company of St. Louis.

Examined proposed rerouting of Union line of United Railways Company of St. Louis.

**Investigation to Determine Necessity and Safety of Switch and Sidetrack Connections:** During the past year the Engineering Department was not called upon to make any investigation to determine the necessity and safety of switch and sidetrack connections.

**Investigation of Signal Systems and Interlocking Plants:** Plans for the following were approved:

A., T. & S. F.—Protection of siding to Aunt Jemima Mills, St. Joseph.

C., B. & Q.—Interlocking at Armour.



C., B. & Q.—Interlocking at Broadway, Kansas City.

C., B. & Q.—Interlocking at Murray Yard, Kansas City.

S. J. & G. I.—Interlocking at Missouri River Bridge, St. Joseph.

T. R. R. A. of St. L.—Interlocker at Gratiot street, St. Louis.

C., M. & St. P.—Alteration to interlocker, Kansas City.

The following interlocking plants were inspected:

M., K. & T.—C. & A.—North Jefferson.

**General:** Members of the Engineering Department attended hearings and arguments and assisted the Commission in preparing reports and orders in the following cases:

Nos. 51, 179, 453, 1379, 1380, 1417, 1426, 1427, 1457, 1461, 1465, 1501, 1540, 1615, 1638, 1715, 1764, 1901.

**Analysis of Accidents:** Compilation and analysis of the accident reports of the carriers to the Commission for the first nine months of the year 1918, disclose the following:

	Steam.		Electric.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Passengers. ....	15	285	5	1,614	20	1,899
Employees.....	72	1,749	2	73	74	1,822
Trespassers.....	88	96	3	8	91	104
Non-trespassers.....	34	142	26	532	60	674
Totals.....	209	2,272	36	2,227	245	4,499
Damage to property.....	\$155,428		Unknown.		Unknown.	

**Appraisals of Public Utilities in Formal Cases Pending Investigations Made by the Commission:** Following is a list of appraisals of public utility property made by this department in formal cases pending investigation by the Commission:

## APPRAISALS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Date.	Name of company.	Commissioner's Engineer's cost report.	Appraised present value.	Company's Engineer's cost report.	Appraised present value.	Company's figures include going value.	Com. Auditor's book plant account.	Value by Commission.
Dec. 15, 1913.....	Quark Power and Water Company.....	\$2,008,240.00	\$2,008,240.00	\$2,638,634.47	\$2,638,634.47	.....	\$1,968,910.04	\$2,200,000.00
Nov. 16, 1913.....	Kirkville L. P. and I. Co.....	77,976.61	61,936.88	79,766.55	62,080.25	.....	63,265.22	66,000.00
Dec. 31, 1916.....	Kirkville L. P. and I. Co.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72,933.45	.....
June 19, 1915.....	Southwestern T. and T. Co. (St. L. Ex.).....	8,616,246.00	7,395,739.00	11,963,735.00	.....	\$1,495,626.00	7,396,476.60	8,457,425.00
Mar. 31, 1917.....	Southwestern T. and T. Co.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,628,872.83	.....
June 30, 1915.....	West St. Louis W. and L. Co.....	1,684,444.00	1,406,746.00	2,128,859.00	2,048,695.00	296,044.00	1,318,251.90	1,625,000.00
Oct. 20, 1915.....	City Water Co. of Sedalia.....	526,091.00	438,746.00	733,051.14	706,834.46	Disc. on bonds 50,000.00	21,077,606.75	500,000.00
Jan. 24, 1914.....	Cassville & Western Ry.....	99,622.00	61,927.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Feb. 1, 1914.....	Kansas City Elec. L. Co.....	.....	.....	8,847,922.72	7,712,255.99	1,532,650.93	.....	.....
Dec. 31, 1915.....	Kansas City Elec. L. Co.....	7,054,499.00	5,713,882.00	9,325,166.52	8,189,499.76	.....	7,456,265.37	7,200,000.00
June 30, 1914.....	Missouri Southern Railroad.....	883,669.00	787,207.00	.....	.....	.....	730,434.39	823,000.00
Mar. 1, 1915.....	St. Joseph Gas Company.....	1,923,195.00	1,642,821.00	2,462,490.00	.....	338,035.00	2,243,646.84	1,673,000.00
Dec. 31, 1914.....	Ft. Scott & Nevada L. H. W. and P. Co.,— Electric Property.....	72,900.00	55,176.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	55,176.00
Sept. 18, 1914.....	Water property.....	129,807.00	108,763.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	108,763.00
Apr. 1, 1915.....	Consumers E. L. and P. Co. (Desoto).....	44,944.00	33,662.00	78,763.18	68,064.74	.....	40,819.79	40,000.00
.....	Clinton L. and W. Co. (water).....	82,850.00	64,476.00	.....	86,680.00	.....	.....	65,000.00
.....	Union Elec. L. and P. Co.....	22,757,409.00	21,623,545.00	.....	.....	.....	10,146,291.58	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Intangible 18,100,903.79	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Physical	.....
.....	Capital City W. Co. (Jefferson City).....	339,042.00	263,369.00	508,609.00	475,938.00	21,735.00	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Brokerage 52,165.00	.....	.....
.....	Louisiana Water Co.....	139,821.00	102,019.00	186,608.00	165,377.00	12,254.00	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Brokerage 15,000.00	.....	.....
Sept. 1, 1915.....	Springfield Gas and Elec. Co. (Elec.).....	542,392.00	464,345.00	.....	.....	.....	147,873.46	.....
Feb. 3, 1915.....	Columbia Gas Co.....	104,884.00	83,774.00	108,761.38	92,379.96	.....	.....	.....
May 31, 1914.....	Missouri Pub. Util. Co. (Charleston).....	88,874.00	49,254.00	99,183.53	99,185.53	8,107.06	88,106.95	77,000.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Financing 10,187.25	.....	.....
Dec. 31, 1913.....	Columbia Tel. Co.....	189,146.00	170,063.00	213,779.00	179,912.00	.....	57,595.40	58,000.00
Feb. 26, 1914.....	S. W. T. and T. Co. (Caruthersville).....	24,437.00	24,437.00	31,118.00	31,118.00	.....	264,753.84	182,000.00
May 4, 1914.....	Adams Tel. Co. (Tipton).....	17,178.00	7,771.00	16,669.07	11,726.44	.....	24,614.50	25,000.00
.....	Missouri & Kansas Tel. Co. (Springfield).....	790,664.00	705,578.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,400.00
June 10, 1914.....	Kansas City C. C. & St. Joe Ry.....	.....	.....	3,899,881.65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jan. 1, 1917.....	Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry.....	4,774,230.00	4,071,260.00	5,412,487.00	4,780,149.00	.....	3,597,108.77	3,900,000.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Aug. 31, 1914	.....
June 1, 1916.....	Jackson Co. L. H. and P. Co.....	248,417.00	211,955.00	.....	.....	.....	584,982.57	205,519.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	May 31, 1916	.....

## APPRAISALS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES—Continued.

Date.	Name of company.	Commission's Engineer's cost report.	Appraised present value.	Company's Engineer's cost report.	Appraised present value.	Company's figures include going value.	Com. Auditor's book plant account.	Value by Commission.
	Southwestern Bell T. Co. (Marshall)						\$91,183.89 Dec. 31, 1916	
	Clinton Co. Tel. Co. (Plattsburg)			\$104,170.37 July 31, 1917			101,037.86 Dec. 31, 1916	
Feb. 29, 1918	Missouri Central Tel. Co. (Fulton)	\$70,500.00		74,365.00			79,481.96 Dec. 31, 1916	\$70,000.00
Sept. 1, 1915	Home Tel. Co. (Joplin)	598,088.00	\$495,817.00	639,147.00	\$540,343.00	\$59,000.00	\$ 1,515,584.42	530,000.00
June 1, 1914	Jefferson City L., H. and P. Co.— Electric	224,597.00	190,554.00				192,396.11	212,404.00
Aug. 31, 1916	Electric			303,688.75			210,775.43	
June 1, 1914	Gas	217,094.00	186,988.00	271,710.87			182,617.34 173,420.99 Aug. 31, 1917	204,500.00
Feb. 1, 1918	Joplin & Pittsburg Ry. Co. (Air Line)	518,084.00	425,022.00					
Apr. 1, 1918	Springfield City Water Co.	1,190,473.20	1,008,506.90					
June 30, 1918	St. Joseph Ry., L., H. and P. Co.	5,737,830.21	4,380,790.99					

<sup>a</sup> Includes \$1,000,000 purchase price—1907.

<sup>b</sup> Date of Engineers' appraisal December 1, 1914; consequently does not include \$248,508.73 spent December 1, 1914, to December 31, 1915, which is date of appraisal and was considered by Commission in placing value.

<sup>c</sup> Coal gas plant not included as used or useful.

<sup>d</sup> Total of Home Telephone Company.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AND ACCOUNTS.

This Department consists of a Chief Accountant, two accountants, two assistant accountants and a stenographer.

The regular activities of the Department might be classified as follows:

1. Audit of books and records of steam railroads, electric railroads, express companies, telephone companies, gas, electric, water and heating utilities, in order to ascertain original cost, capitalization, income, expenditures, operating statistics and rate of return to be used in valuation, capitalization, and rate-making cases.

2. Drafting accounting systems and forms of annual reports for utilities.

3. Analyzing accounting and statistical exhibits and evidence presented by utilities in valuation, capitalization and rate-making cases.

4. Compiling financial and operating data from annual reports of Missouri utilities for other Commissions, municipalities, civic leagues, traffic associations, utilities, brokers, attorneys and sundry petitioners for such information.

5. Compiling comparative statistical data from annual reports of utilities.

6. Examining and recording verified semiannual reports of realization from bond and stock issues authorized by the Commission and the distribution of such proceeds.

7. Advising verbally and by correspondence the various utilities in matters pertaining to accounts and statistics.

**Audits Made During the Year:** *Joplin & Pittsburg Railway Company—Air Line Passenger Intrastate.* This audit resulted from the company's request for an increase in intrastate passenger rates on that portion of their property known as the Air Line in Missouri. The original cost of the Missouri Air Line property divided between freight, passenger interstate and passenger intrastate, as at December 31, 1917, was ascertained, as well as the operating revenues, operating expenses and net profit on operations of the Missouri Air Line intrastate and interstate passenger for the year of 1917. Inasmuch as the fare increase sought applied only to Missouri Air Line passenger intrastate traffic and as the company owned and operated street railways in Pittsburg, Kan.; Joplin, Mo.;

the Air Line traversing both Kansas and Missouri connecting these two cities; owned and operated various other lines in Kansas and conducted a freight as well as passenger business, it necessitated divisions of property and expenditures between Air Line and other Kansas lines, Air Line between Missouri and Kansas, Air Line Missouri between freight and passenger, Missouri passenger between straight Air Line and Joplin City lines, Air Line Missouri passenger between intrastate and interstate traffic.

*St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat and Power Company—St. Joseph, Mo.* This audit was ordered in response to company's petition for an increase in fares and rates. It consisted of a verification of the plant account of the railway, the light and power and the heating departments from the earliest data available to June 30, 1918. Also, the results of operation of the three departments during the 18 months ended June 30, 1918. It involved various apportionments of common expenditures between the distinct classes of service.

*Springfield City Water Company—Springfield, Mo.* A detailed audit was made of the books of this company. A comparative profit and loss account covering operations of the two years ended December 31, 1917, was included in the report. This audit resulted from a petition for increased rates.

*St. Louis County Gas Company—Webster Groves, Mo.* A complete audit showing the resources and liabilities and detailed cost of plant as at December 31, 1917, was furnished early in 1918. The operations for the year 1917 were shown in detail as well as a comparative monthly profit and loss account for the two four-months periods ended April 30, 1917 and 1918.

*Missouri Gas and Electric Service Company—Marshall, Mo.* An audit of the books of the above-named company was instituted in order to ascertain the original cost of the gas and electric properties, as well as the results of operations. In this audit operating revenues and expenses were reported for the three years and five months ended May 31, 1918. The investigation was due to a request for an increase in rates.

*Missouri Gas and Electric Service Company—Liberty, Mo.* An audit of the records of the above company was completed in July, 1918. The plant account as at May 31, 1918, and the operations for the three years and five months ended May 31, 1918, were ascertained. This audit was the result of a petition for increased rates.

*Jefferson City Light, Heat and Power Company—Jefferson City, Mo.* A supplementary audit, occasioned by company's petition to increase rates, was made of the books of the gas and electric properties of the Jefferson City Company. The plant accounts were verified from June 1, 1914 (date of our previous audit), to April 30, 1918, and the profit and loss account for the year 1917 and first five months of 1918 were reported.

*Municipal Light and Water Company—Lebanon, Mo.* In response to a request by the mayor of Lebanon, an investigation of the books of the water and light plant of that city was made in order to determine whether the plants or either of them were operating on a paying basis and also to make a proper separation between the plant costs and operating costs of the two classes of service. The original cost of the plants as at December 31, 1917, and the profit and loss accounts of the year 1917, were ascertained. Suggestions as to the proper future handling of the utility's accounts were embodied in the report at the request of the city authorities.

*Ozark Valley Railway Company.* A complete audit was made of the property at the instance of the shippers and patrons with a view to ascertaining whether or not it could be economically continued. The property was under process of sale and discontinuance. Various exhibits, other than the customary balance sheet, profit and loss account and supporting schedules were required.

*Norborne Fuel, Ice and Light Company—Norborne, Mo.* A detailed audit was made of the company's accounts. A balance sheet and a detailed plant account as at December 31, 1917, were reported as well as a comparative profit and loss account for the two years ended December 31, 1917. This investigation developed from a request for rate increase.

*Higginsville Water and Light Company—Higginsville, Mo.* An examination of the records of the municipally-owned property of the Higginsville Water and Light plant was undertaken in response to complaints filed against a proposed rate increase. Operating revenues, operating expenses and net profit or loss on operations for the year 1917, covering both branches of service, were reported.

*Kansas City Light and Power Company—Kansas City, Mo.* The accounting staff is at present engaged in a supplementary audit of the light properties and heating properties of the above-

named company, due to a requested increase in rates for both classes of service.

**Drafting Forms of Annual Reports:** The accounting department now has under consideration the drafting of a form of annual report for Class D telephone companies, i. e., those whose average annual operating revenue does not exceed \$10,000.00. The great majority of telephone companies operating in this State fall within the limits of this class. During 1917 this department drafted a uniform system of accounts, covering the accounting requirements of Class D telephone utilities and the form of annual report now being prepared is to reflect the result of operations as evidenced by the system prescribed in 1917.

**Compiling Comparative Statistical Data:** During the year the accounting staff compiled many statements of comparative financial, operating and statistical data for various states, cities, commissions, utility companies, boards, professional firms and statistical bodies. Many requests were received for the Commission's annual report of comparative statistics of Missouri utilities. Unfortunately, this Commission has never had sufficient means to compile such a report. The limited number of employees in this department are compelled to devote their entire time to making audits of utilities whose rates are in question. Each request must be handled individually and in some instances the work is duplicated, as information requested by one petitioner overlaps part of that solicited by another. Lack of funds to secure the necessary clerks and provide for printing this valuable information is a serious drawback to the Commission's effectiveness.

**Necessity of Personal Instruction and Published Statistics:** The prescription of a uniform system of accounts for the State's utilities was of undoubted benefit to the utility owners, operators, investors and consumers. The benefits accruing have been so thoroughly aired in previous annual reports that they need no reiteration here. The necessity for systematic accounts and expressive statistics was so drastically revealed during the war period that further exhortation would be superfluous. However, prescribing a system of accounts is but a step toward the end desired. The interpretation and application of the principles involved requires personal instruction during installation of the system and continued assistance by way of examination and criticism of annual reports filed.

Much has been done by correspondence and considerable personal instruction given in this office to those utility operators who come to Jefferson City to have the methods prescribed fully explained to them. The great mass of smaller companies, however, merely wrote a letter or two and then ceased correspondence and from the lack of familiarity with accounting principles displayed by their communications, it is evident that they are sorely in need of personal instruction and assistance. Many of the owners and managers of these small plants realize the necessity of proper accounting and that they are greatly interested and appreciate the system devised is manifested from their letters and verbal statements. A considerable number of them offered to pay the expense of sending an accountant from this department to install the system and instruct their bookkeepers in the correct handling of accounts. Unfortunately, all our accountants are submerged with the work of making audits in rate controversies. The large companies with their corps of trained and experienced accountants and statisticians are perfectly capable of handling their accounts, adapting themselves to new systems and if they discover defects in their methods of application, taking any remedial action necessary, but the little fellow with an inefficient system of accounts or practically no system at all, finds it almost impossible to install and maintain the prescribed system with no other aid than the published classification and occasional correspondence.

A division of the State into, say four, districts with an accountant devoting all his time to installing, explaining and familiarizing the utilities' employes of his district with the classification prescribed and the addition of about three men to receive, examine and correct the annual reports filed by the companies and from the corrected data prepare a comparative report showing the operating efficiency, the financing policy, the rates, the working capital, etc., of the various utilities, would be of inestimable benefit to the utility owners and the consumers served. The revenue secured from the sale of such comparative information would undoubtedly more than offset its cost.

**Stock, Bond and Note Authorizations:** Utilities organized, existing or incorporated under the laws of Missouri may issue stocks, bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness payable at periods of more than twelve months after the date thereof, only after securing an order from the Commission authorizing such issue. The order specifies the amount of issue and



the disposition of the proceeds. This department examines all exhibits and documents presented and reports its recommendations to the Commission. The Commission requires semi-annual reports from utilities of the sale of securities and disposition of proceeds. These reports are checked in this department to ascertain whether all stipulations set forth in the order are met.

The tremendous demands for capital to finance the Government's war program has greatly diminished the number of applications for stock and bond issues that would otherwise emanate from the utilities operating in the State. The enormous advance in cost of labor and material has held all extension, new construction and betterment work to a minimum. Improvements of great necessity have been delayed so as not to interfere with the Government's demands for material. Now that the war has practically terminated and prices will begin to seek their proper level, a great era of construction and extension will undoubtedly ensue and this will necessitate large and numerous issues of securities. The revenue flowing to the State from this source should be very considerable during the next few years.

The following table shows the applications for security issues received during the period covered by this report:

TABLE SHOWING ALL APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE STOCKS, BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS, UNDER THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION LAW, FROM DECEMBER 1, 1917, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1918.

No.	Name of company.	Kind of security.	Amount allowed.	Date of permit.
241	Laclede Gas Light Co. ....	Notes....	\$1,150,000.00	6- 3-1918
810	Kansas City Railways Co. ....	Notes....	6,588,400.00	1-23-1918
1311	St. Louis & Hannibal Ry. Co. ....	Stock....	620,000.00	12-24-1917
1408	Kansas City Terminal Ry. Co. ....	Stock....	1,000,000.00	2-12-1918
1410	Green Light and Power Co. ....	Bonds....	50,000.00	1-15-1918
1428	Union Electric Light and Power Co. ....	Bonds....	1,500,000.00	1-15-1918
1429	Union Electric Light and Power Co. ....	Stock....	1,000,000.00	1-15-1918
1430	St. Louis County Gas Co. ....	Bonds....	75,000.00	1-15-1918
1441	Missouri Pacific R. R. Co.—Guarantee Bonds of Ark. & Memphis Ry. Bridge and Terminal Co. ....	Bonds....	6,000,000.00	1-21-1918
1459	Southwest Missouri R. R. Co. ....	Bonds....	300,000.00	2- 8-1918
1466	Kansas City Light and Power Co. ....	Stock....	5,000,000.00	3-16-1918
1489	Boonville, St. Louis & Southern Ry. Co. ....	Bonds....	250,000.00	2-16-1918
1473	St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co. ....	Bonds....	2,890,000.00	2-21-1918
1496	Union Electric Light and Power Co. ....	Notes....	1,000,000.00	3-16-1918
1539	Clinton County Telephone Co. ....	Bonds....	15,000.00	4-25-1918
1581	Piedmont Light and Power Co. ....	Stock....	15,000.00	6- 7-1918
1586	Union Electric Light and Power Co. ....	Bonds....	450,000.00	5-29-1918
1586	Union Electric Light and Power Co. ....	Stock....	500,000.00	5-29-1918
1586	Union Electric Light and Power Co. ....	Notes....	300,000.00	5-29-1918
1644	Union Electric Light and Power Co. ....	Notes....	500,000.00	6-26-1918
1657	Terminal R. R. Assn. of St. Louis. ....	Bonds....	621,000.00	7- 1-1918
1712	Saline Water and Power Co. ....	Stock....	10,000.00	9-13-1918
1713	St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co. ....	Bonds....	9,330,000.00	8-13-1918
1721	The Mexico Power Co. ....	Stock....	265,000.00	9- 4-1918
1783	Cameron Telephone Co. ....	Stock....	40,000.00	Pending.
1796	Green Light and Power Co. ....	Bonds....	50,000.00	10-15-1918
1802	Home Electric Co. ....	Stock....	3,000.00	11-11-1918
1812	Kansas City Terminal Ry. Co. ....	Notes....	9,850,000.00	11-14-1918
1862	St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co. ....	Bonds....	1,268,000.00	11-27-1918

## DEPARTMENT OF GAS, ELECTRICITY, HEAT AND WATER.

The employes of this department have been very actively engaged in taking care of problems and conditions growing out of emergencies caused by the war. In the last annual report this statement, "It would be rash to hazard a guess as to the effect on public utilities if the present war with the Central European Powers continues for another year," was made. Although the war has just ceased, it can be seen by looking over the events of the year that the conditions arising at the latter part of the year 1917 were only a forecast of what was to follow. Various plans of studying the operations of the public utilities of the State on a peace-time basis with the intent of improving the service to the public at the lowest rate fair to all concerned have had to be laid aside and practically all the time given to emergency conditions.

The needs of the Government have demanded most of all of the different kinds of material used in the operation of the gas, electric, heat and water utilities. That which could be obtained was paid for at a very greatly increased price; which, of course, should be paid for at some time for the service rendered. The price has not affected the quality of service, so much as the inability of the utility to secure materials and machinery for ordinary repairs and maintenance. Several visits have been made at the request of the public concerned for an investigation of the cause of various breakdowns in service. In a large majority of the investigations it was found that the utility could not secure materials. Sometimes the material had been ordered as much as six months ahead of the time the trouble came. Sometimes it was difficult to obtain labor. The war industries were able to advance wages at any instance, whereas a utility was obliged to look ahead and determine where it could obtain the money with which to pay the extra wages.

Fuel, which amounts to from 25 per cent to 75 per cent of the operating costs of a gas, electric, heating or water utility, increased in price above that of the latter part of 1917.

The result of such conditions was that such utilities had to ask for relief in the way of increased rates. Some have asked for the second increase during the year. The total number of applications filed, either formal or by filing a tariff, during the year December 1, 1917, to December 1, 1918, are about as fol-

lows: Gas, 28; electric, 230; steam heat, 7; and water, 19. And it is a matter of common knowledge that the Commission has granted some relief in a great many cases, and some of the increases appear to have been radical, but before such increased tariffs were permitted to become effective over 95 per cent of the applications were suspended and a thorough investigation made.

Another problem arising more often than before was complaints by citizens asking for investigations relative to extensions of mains, pipes, wires, etc. The utilities hesitated to make extensions due to the needs of the Government and due to a lack of money to buy materials. The number of investigations made, either formal or informal, during the year, of complaints of various kinds have been a great many more than the public realizes. These complaints have been caused by the desire of citizens for an extension of service mains and lines mentioned above for an investigation, of low gas pressure due to small mains, or to inability of the utility to secure materials for making gas, of gas low in heat units, of sulphur in gas, of poorly cleaned water, of the failure of water supply, of the inability of the utility and consumers to agree upon certain changes, of the request of utilities desiring to shut down during the period of high prices, of the accuracy of meters and numerous other causes.

Additional engineering and stenographical help has been secured, but even with this assistance the department has been kept very busy. Practically all of the cases in which increased rates were allowed the increases were allowed for a period of one year. These cases are now coming up for investigation again, and to keep up with the work the activities of the department will probably be increased instead of remaining as during the past year. Since the war has ceased, it is hoped prices will soon begin to go back to normal again.

It appears at present the department will need additional help in order that each case may be thoroughly studied and looked after as it again comes up for consideration at the end of the period for which it was allowed to go into effect.

Several requests have been received for copies of the rules and regulations governing overhead and underground crossings, but this work has not been completed and no time has been available during the year to work on such matters. The work which has been done remains in the tentative form.

During the year a publication entitled "Summary of Elec-

tric Rates in Effect in Missouri, May 31, 1918" was issued. The justification for such compilation of the rates in effect has been proven time and again. A copy was sent to the officer in charge of all electric utilities of the State. Numerous requests were received from attorneys, consulting engineers, and citizens throughout the State. It was hoped that the rates for gas, water and steam heat might be published. And if these rates can be compiled it is hoped that the rates for municipal water plants may be included. This is desirable because a great deal of assistance has been given municipally-owned plants and each town invariably desires to know what its neighboring plants are doing. All assistance rendered to municipally-owned plants has been greatly repaid by the appreciation shown by the respective citizens of such towns in which the plant is located.

During the year 21 certificates of convenience and necessity have been issued, and orders issued approving the transfer of properties or franchises, as follows: Electric, 20; water, 2; gas, 1.

There is appended a summary of gas, electric, heating and water utilities operating in this State. Following this is a complete list of such utilities, showing their ownership and location. This list includes the municipally-owned water plants, although the last Legislature amended the Public Service Commission Act of 1913 by removing municipally-owned water plants from the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Summary of utilities furnishing service.	Municipally owned.	Corporately owned.
Electric service only .....	34	264
Gas service only .....		29
Water service only .....	64	24
Heating service only .....		2
Electric and gas combination service .....		10
Electric and water combination service .....	46	14
Water and gas combination service .....		1
Electric and heat combination service .....		5
Electric, water and gas combination service .....		2
Electric, water and heat service .....		1
Electric, heat and gas combination service .....		1
Electric, heat, gas and water combination service .....		2
Total utilities furnishing service .....	145	357

Of the total 500 utilities listed, it is noted that:

381 furnish electric service.

45 furnish gas service.

11 furnish heating service.

156 furnish water service.

## LIST OF UTILITIES FURNISHING GAS, ELECTRIC, HEAT AND WATER SERVICE IN THIS STATE.

Operators.	Locality.	Population.	Service furnished.
The Green Light and Power Co.	Adrian.	929	Elec.
City of Alba.	Alba.	.....	Water.
City of Albany.	Albany.	1,922	Elec., water.
George E. Gohn.	Alton.	484	Elec.
The St. Joseph Transmission Co.	Amazonia.	456	Elec.
Anderson Water, Light, Heat and Power Co.	Anderson.	721	Elec., water.
Appleton City.	Appleton City.	1,018	Elec.
Iron County Electric Light and Power Co.	Arcadia.	289	Elec.
City of Armstrong.	Armstrong.	579	Elec.
O. E. Martin & Co.	Arrow Rock.	336	Elec.
Wm. B. Turner.	Ash Grove.	1,075	Elec.
R. S. Moos.	Ashley.	.....	Elec.
Bealmer & Newmeyer.	Atlanta.	523	Elec.
F. E. Attebery.	Atlanta.	523	Gas.
Lawrence County Water, Light and Cold Storage Co.	Aurora.	4,148	Elec., water.
J. W. Pettit.	Ava.	713	Elec.
Maryville Electric Light and Power Co.	Barnard.	338	Elec.
W. W. Metts.	Bellflower.	400	Elec.
The Green Light and Power Co.	Belton.	922	Elec.
Laswell-Coble Electric Co.	Bernie.	742	Elec.
City of Bethany.	Bethany.	1,931	Elec., water.
City of Bevier.	Bevier.	1,900	Elec.
Mound City Electric Light and Ice Co.	Bigelow.	156	Elec.
Billings Light, Power and Water Co.	Billings.	760	Elec.
W. J. Duffield.	Birch Tree.	497	Elec.
The Bismarck Electric Light and Power Co.	Bismarck.	848	Elec.
City of Blackwater.	Blackwater.	371	Elec.
Bland Electric Light and Power Co.	Bland.	359	Elec.
Bloomfield Electric Light, Heat, Power and Water Co.	Bloomfield.	1,147	Elec., water.
Blue Springs Light and Power Co.	Blue Springs.	561	Elec.
Water, Light and Transit Co. of Carrollton.	Bogard.	316	Elec.
City of Bolivar.	Bolivar.	1,975	Elec., water.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Bonne Terre.	9,000	Elec.
Bonne Terre Farming and Cattle Co.	Bonne Terre.	9,000	Water.

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LIST OF UTILITIES FURNISHING GAS, ELECTRIC, HEAT AND WATER SERVICE IN THIS STATE—Continued.

Operators.	Locality.	Population.	Service furnished.
Boonville Light, Heat and Power Co.	Boonville.	4,252	Elec., gas.
City of Boonville.	Boonville.	4,252	Water.
Water, Light and Transit Co. of Carrollton.	Bosworth.	876	Elec.
August Schlafer.	Bourbon.	382	Elec.
Pike County Electric Light and Power Co.	Bowling Green.	1,585	Elec.
C. K. Lee, Lessor.	Bowling Green.	1,585	Water.
Mammoth Springs Electric Light and Power Co.	Brandville.		Elec.
Braymer Light, Fuel and Ice Co.	Braymer.	1,027	Elec.
City of Breckenridge.	Breckenridge.	1,025	Elec.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.	Bridgetown.	129	Elec.
Brookfield Electric Light Co.	Brookfield.	5,749	Elec.
Brookfield Gas, Electric and Heating Co.	Brookfield.	5,749	Gas.
City of Brookfield.	Brookfield.	5,749	Water.
Browning-Purdin Electric Co.	Browning.	929	Elec.
Brunswick Light and Water Co.	Brunswick.	1,006	Elec., water.
Kansas Natural Gas Co.	Buchanan county, along trunk line, outside incorporated cities.		
Harry A. Spradling.	Bucklin.	790	Gas.
James A. Bonner.	Buffalo.	820	Elec.
Bunceton, Ice, Light and Fuel Co.	Bunceton.	788	Elec.
Maryville Electric Light and Power Co.	Burlington Junction.	942	Elec.
City of Butler.	Butler.	2,894	Elec., water.
Missouri Electric, Gas and Water Co.	Cainesville.	887	Elec.
Calhoun Electric Light Co.	Calhoun.	884	Elec.
California Electric Light and Power Co.	California.	2,154	Elec.
City of California.	California.	2,154	Water.
City of Callao.	Callao.	526	Elec.
Missouri Gas and Electric Service Co.	Camden.	477	Elec.
City of Cameron.	Cameron.	2,980	Elec., water.
The Campbell Electric Light and Power Co.	Campbell.	1,781	Elec.
City of Campbell.	Campbell.	1,781	Water.
City of Canton.	Canton.	2,218	Elec., water.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Cape Girardeau.	8,475	Elec., gas, water.
The Empire District Electric Co.	Carl Junction.	1,115	Elec.

Carl Junction Gas Co.....	Carl Junction.....	1,115	Gas.
City of Carl Junction.....	Carl Junction.....	1,115	Water.
Water, Light and Transit Co. of Carrollton.....	Carrollton.....	3,482	Elec., water.
Empire District Electric Co.....	Cartersville.....	4,539	Elec.
Webb City & Cartersville Gas Co.....	Cartersville.....	4,539	Gas.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	Cartersville.....	4,539	Water.
Empire Electric Power and Supply Co.....	Carthage.....	9,483	Elec.
Carthage Gas Co.....	Carthage.....	9,483	Gas.
City of Carthage.....	Carthage.....	9,483	Elec., water.
Caruthersville & Kennett Electric Light and Power Co.....	Caruthersville.....	3,655	Elec.
City of Caruthersville.....	Caruthersville.....	3,655	Water.
Cassville Milling and Power Co.....	Cassville.....	781	Elec.
City of Cassville.....	Cassville.....	781	Water.
North Missouri Light and Power Co.....	Center.....	540	Elec.
City of Centralia.....	Centralia.....	2,116	Elec., water.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	Chaffee.....	2,082	Elec.
Eugene H. Perrey.....	Chamolis.....	649	Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	Charleston.....	3,144	Elec.
City of Charleston.....	Charleston.....	3,144	Water.
City of Chilhowee.....	Chilhowee.....	425	Elec.
Peoples Gas and Electric Co.....	Chillicothe.....	6,265	Gas.
City of Chillicothe.....	Chillicothe.....	6,265	Elec., water.
City of Clarence.....	Clarence.....	1,322	Elec.
Clark Electric Co.....	Clark.....	300	Elec.
C. K. Lee.....	Clarksburg.....	399	Elec.
L. J. Dunn.....	Clarksville.....	918	Elec.
Maryville Electric Light and Power Co.....	Clarkton.....	682	Elec.
City of Clinton.....	Claremont.....	263	Elec.
Clinton Light and Water Co.....	Clinton.....	4,922	Elec.
Maryville Electric Light and Power Co.....	Clinton.....	4,992	Gas, water.
City Electric Co.....	Clyde.....	368	Elec.
City of Cole Camp.....	Cole Camp.....	910	Elec.
City of Columbia.....	Cole Camp.....	910	Water.
Columbia Gas Works.....	Columbia.....	9,662	Elec., water.
Maryville Electric Light and Power Co.....	Conception Junction.....	9,662	Gas.
Concordia Light and Power Co.....	Concordia.....	931	Elec.
City of Concordia.....	Concordia.....	931	Water.
Brownfield & Teare.....	Craig.....	621	Elec.
The Crystal Ice and Bottling Co.....	Crocker.....	.....	Elec.



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Operators.	Locality.	Population.	Service furnished.
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co.....	Crystal City.....	.....	Elec., water.
The Brunswick Light and Water Co.....	Dalton.....	261	Elec.
F. E. Jeffers & E. A. Shikles.....	Dearborn.....	499	Elec.
City of Deepwater.....	Deepwater.....	1,398	Elec.
Ft. Scott & Nevada Light, Heat, Water and Power Co.....	Deerfield.....	129	Elec.
DeKalb Light and Power Co.....	DeKalb.....	391	Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	DeLoe.....	.....	Elec.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.....	DeSoto.....	4,721	Elec.
City of DeSoto.....	DeSoto.....	4,721	Water.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	Dexter.....	2,322	Elec.
City of Dexter.....	Dexter.....	2,322	Water.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	Dixon.....	715	Elec.
Allen & Kind.....	Doniphan.....	1,225	Elec.
City of Doniphan.....	Doniphan.....	1,225	Water.
City of Drexel.....	Drexel.....	512	Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	Dudley.....	150	Elec.
Duenweg Water Works Co.....	Duenweg.....	2,000	Water.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	East Prairie.....	.....	Elec.
Edgerton Electric Light and Power Co.....	Edgerton.....	534	Elec.
City of Edina.....	Edina.....	1,562	Water.
Edina Light Co.....	Edina.....	1,562	Elec.
Eldon Electric Light Co.....	Eldon.....	1,999	Elec.
C. Vancodall.....	Eldon.....	1,999	Water.
Missouri Valley Light and Power Co.....	Eldorado Springs.....	2,503	Elec.
City of Eldorado Springs.....	Eldorado Springs.....	2,503	Water.
Elmer Patterson.....	Elmer.....	512	Gas.
W. H. Abbott.....	Elmo.....	342	Elec.
City of Elsberry.....	Elsberry.....	1,018	Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	Elvina.....	2,071	Elec.
J. W. Orr.....	Emmence.....	.....	Elec.
Emma Creamery Co.....	Emma.....	.....	Elec.
Excelsior Springs Water, Gas and Electric Co.....	Excelsior Springs.....	3,900	Elec., gas, water, heat.
Fairfax Light, Heat and Power Co.....	Fairfax.....	666	Elec.
City of Farmington.....	Farmington.....	2,613	Elec., water.

Fayette Light, Ice and Coal Co.	Fayette.	2,586	Elec.
City of Fayette	Fayette.	2,586	Water.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.	Festus.	2,556	Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Fisk.		Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Fiat River.	5,112	Elec.
The St. Joseph Transmission Co.	Forbes.		Elec.
The St. Joseph Transmission Co.	Forest City.	534	Elec.
The St. Joseph Transmission Co.	Forest City.	534	Elec.
City of Oregon.	Forest City.	534	Water.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Fortfelt.		Elec.
Mound City Electric Light and Ice Co.	Fortescue.		Elec.
F. A. Scholler.	Foster.		Elec.
North Missouri Light and Power Co.	Frankford.	793	Elec.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.	Franklin Co. (4 townships).		Elec.
City of Fredericktown.	Fredericktown.	2,632	Elec.
City of Fulton.	Fulton.	5,228	Elec. water.
City of Gallatin.	Gallatin.	1,825	Elec. water.
Galt Light and Power Co.	Galt.	583	Elec.
The Green Light and Power Co.	Garden City.	713	Elec.
Gilliam Electric Light and Power Co.	Gilliam.	299	Elec.
City of Glasgow.	Glasgow.	1,507	Elec. water.
Albert Hunt.	Golden City.	882	Elec.
Ortiz & Estell.	Gorin.	84	Elec.
Town of Gower.	Gower.	370	Elec.
Mound-City Electric Light and Ice Co.	Graham.	365	Elec.
Ozark Power and Water Co.	Granby.	2,442	Elec.
City of Granby.	Granby.	2,442	Water.
The Green Light and Power Co.	Grandview.		Elec.
W. H. Overholt.	Granger.		Elec.
Maryville Electric Light and Power Co.	Grant City.	1,207	Elec.
Grant City.	Grant City.	1,207	Water.
Moore Bros.	Green Castle.	454	Elec.
Moore Bros.	Green City.	844	Elec.
Greenfield Electric Light and Power Co.	Greenfield.	1,434	Elec.
City of Greenfield.	Greenfield.	1,434	Water.
The Green Light and Power Co.	Greenwood.		Elec.
City of Hale.	Hale.	587	Elec.
The Hamilton Electric Light and Power Co.	Hamilton.	1,761	Elec.
City of Hannibal.	Hannibal.	18,341	Elec. water.
Citizens Gas Co.	Hannibal.	18,341	Gas.

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Operators.	Locality.	Population.	Services furnished.
Missouri Gas and Electric Service Co.	Hardin.....	635	Elec.
The Green Light and Power Co.	Harrisonville.....	1,947	Elec.
Harrisonville Water Co.	Harrisonville.....	1,947	Water.
Hartsburg Electric Co.	Hartsburg.....	175	Elec.
Hayti Light Co.	Hayti.....	1,057	Elec.
Moore Bros.	Henley Ranch.....	.....	Elec.
Missouri Gas and Electric Service Co.	Henrietta (Lexington Junction).....	443	Elec.
Bonne Terre Farming and Cattle Co.	Herculaneum.....	.....	Water.
Hermann Electric Light Co.	Hermann.....	1,592	Elec.
City of Hermann.	Hermann.....	1,592	Water.
Citizens Electric Light Co.	Higbee.....	1,215	Elec.
City of Higginsville.	Higginsville.....	2,628	Elec., water.
The Green Light and Power Co.	Holden.....	2,007	Elec.
City of Holden.	Holden.....	2,007	Water.
Hopkins Electric Light and Ice Co.	Hopkins.....	909	Elec.
City of Hopkins.	Hopkins.....	909	Water.
Houston Electric Light Co.	Houston.....	844	Elec.
Humansville Electric Light Co.	Humansville.....	913	Elec.
City of Humansville.	Humansville.....	913	Water.
A. G. White.	Hume.....	514	Elec.
City of Hunnewell.	Hunnewell.....	406	Elec.
Huntville Light and Power Co.	Huntville.....	2,247	Elec.
City of Huntville.	Huntville.....	2,247	Water.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Ilmo.....	976	Elec.
City of Independence.	Independence.....	9,859	Elec.
The Kansas Natural Gas Co.	Independence.....	9,859	Gas.
Jackson County Light, Heat and Power Co.	Independence.....	9,859	Gas.
Independence Waterworks Co.	Independence.....	9,859	Water.
Interurban Water Co.	Independence.....	9,859	Water.
Iron County Electric Light and Power Co.	Ironton.....	721	Elec.
City of Jackson.	Jackson.....	2,105	Elec., water.
City of Jameport.	Jameport.....	611	Elec.
Jasper City Electric Light Co.	Jasper.....	664	Elec.

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## LIST OF UTILITIES FURNISHING GAS, ELECTRIC, HEAT AND WATER SERVICE IN THIS STATE—Continued.

Operators.	Locality.	Population.	Service furnished.
Laredo Electric Light Co.....	Laredo.....	758	Elec.
Lathrop Light, Heat and Power Co.....	Lathrop.....	1,038	Elec.
Excelsior Springs Water, Gas and Electric Co.....	Lawson.....	604	Elec.
City of Lebanon.....	Lebanon.....	2,430	Elec., water.
Piedmont Light and Power Co.....	Leeper.....	.....	Elec.
The Green Light and Power Co.....	Lees Summit.....	1,455	Elec.
City of Lees Summit.....	Lees Summit.....	1,455	Water.
G. W. Lentz.....	Leeton.....	420	Elec.
H. H. Bronson.....	Lewistown.....	405	Elec.
Missouri Gas and Electric Service Co.....	Lexington.....	5,242	Elec., gas.
Lexington Water Co.....	Lexington.....	5,242	Water.
Liberal Light Co.....	Liberal.....	800	Elec.
Missouri Gas and Electric Service Co.....	Liberty.....	2,980	Elec.
City of Liberty.....	Liberty.....	2,980	Water.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	Libourn.....	484	Elec.
I. T. Starrett.....	Lincoln.....	336	Elec.
Linn Electric Light Co.....	Linn.....	532	Elec.
City of Linneus.....	Linneus.....	832	Elec.
The Green Light and Power Co.....	Little Blue.....	961	Elec.
Lockwood Electric Light Plant.....	Lockwood.....	.....	Elec.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.....	Longtown.....	188	Elec.
Louisiana Light, Power and Traction Co.....	Louisiana.....	4,454	Elec., gas.
Louisiana Water Co.....	Louisiana.....	4,454	Water.
Lucerne Electric Light Co.....	Lucerne.....	264	Elec.
City of Macon.....	Macon.....	3,584	Elec., water.
Macon Gas and Electric Co.....	Macon.....	3,584	Gas.
Maitland Electric Light and Power Co.....	Maitland.....	736	Elec.
City of Maitland.....	Maitland.....	736	Water.
City of Malden.....	Malden.....	2,116	Elec., water.
W. C. Slusher & Son.....	Malta Bend.....	399	Elec.
Mansfield Electric Light and Power Co.....	Mansfield.....	477	Elec.
City of Marceline.....	Marceline.....	3,920	Elec., water.
Lawrence County Water, Light and Cold Storage Co.....	Marionville.....	1,272	Elec., water.
Missouri Gas and Electric Service Co.....	Marshall.....	4,869	Elec., gas.

City of Marshall.....	Marshall.....	4,869	Water.
Marshfield Electric Co.....	Marshfield.....	1,193	Elec.
Marston Light Co. (not Inc.).....	Marston.....	258	Elec.
Maryville Electric Light and Power Co.....	Maryville.....	4,762	Elec., heat.
City of Maryville.....	Maryville.....	4,762	Water.
DeKalb County Electric Light Co.....	Maysville.....	1,051	Elec.
City of Meadville.....	Meadville.....	580	Elec.
Memphis Electric Light, Heat and Power Co.....	Memphis.....	1,984	Elec.
City of Mendon.....	Mendon.....	408	Elec.
Mercer Electric Light Co.....	Mercer.....	533	Elec.
Mexico Power Co.....	Mexico.....	5,939	Elec., water, gas, heat.
Miami Light and Power Co.....	Miami.....	431	Elec.
City of Milan.....	Milan.....	2,191	Elec., water.
Piedmont Light and Power Co.....	Mill Spring.....	.....	Elec.
Moberly Light and Power Co.....	Moberly.....	10,923	Elec., gas.
City of Moberly.....	Moberly.....	10,923	Water.
C. E. Mooley.....	Mokane.....	646	Elec.
City of Monett.....	Monett.....	4,177	Elec., water.
City of Monroe.....	Monroe.....	1,949	Elec., water.
Montgomery City.....	Montgomery City.....	1,789	Water.
Montgomery Ice and Electric Co.....	Montgomery City.....	1,789	Elec.
City of Montrose.....	Montrose.....	667	Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	Morehouse.....	1,636	Elec.
Frechmann Gas Co.....	Morrison.....	257	Gas.
Arnold Hummert.....	Morrison.....	.....	Elec.
E. P. Goodnight & Co.....	Morrisville.....	360	Elec., water.
Mound City Electric Light and Ice Co.....	Mound City.....	1,575	Elec.
Mound City.....	Mound City.....	1,575	Water.
Mountain Grove Ice and Electric Co.....	Mountain Grove.....	1,722	Elec.
City of Mountain Grove.....	Mountain Grove.....	1,722	Water.
Mountain View Electric Light, Heat and Power Co.....	Mountain View.....	552	Elec.
City of Mt. Vernon.....	Mt. Vernon.....	1,161	Elec., water.
Neck City.....	Neck City.....	528	Water.
The Empire District Electric Co.....	Neesho.....	3,661	Elec.
City of Neesho.....	Neesho.....	3,661	Water.
Ft. Scott & Nevada Light, Heat, Water and Power Co.....	Nevada.....	7,176	Elec., gas, water.
C. E. Stuart.....	New Bellflower.....	400	Elec.
E. S. Branel.....	Newburg.....	932	Elec.
Home Electric Co. of New Franklin.....	New Franklin.....	794	Elec.
City of New Franklin.....	New Franklin.....	794	Water.

## LIST OF UTILITIES FURNISHING GAS, ELECTRIC, HEAT AND WATER SERVICE IN THIS STATE—Continued.

Operators.	Locality.	Population.	Service furnished.
New Hampton Electric Co.	New Hampton	456	Elec.
City of New Haven	New Haven	855	Elec., water.
North Missouri Light and Power Co.	New London	942	Elec.
City of New Madrid	New Madrid	1,882	Elec., water.
The St. Joseph Transmission Co.	Nodaway	.....	Elec.
Norborne Fuel, Ice and Light Co.	Norborne	1,241	Elec.
North Kansas City Light, Heat and Power Co.	North Kansas City	1,000	Elec.
North Kansas City Water Co.	North Kansas City	1,000	Water.
Merchants Light and Power Co.	Novinger	1,711	Elec.
W. H. George	Oak Grove	641	Elec.
Richard A. Park	Oak Grove	641	Gas.
City of Odessa	Odessa	1,531	Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Oran	1,023	Elec.
City of Oregon	Oregon	1,002	Elec., water.
Empire District Electric Co.	Oronogo	1,912	Elec.
Oronogo Gas Co.	Oronogo	1,912	Gas.
City of Oronogo	Oronogo	1,912	Water.
Missouri Gas and Electric Service Co.	Orrick	435	Elec.
Osceola Light and Water Co.	Osceola	1,114	Elec., water.
Jesse Straten	Otterville	453	Elec.
Owensville Electric Light Co.	Owensville	677	Elec.
Water Power Light Co.	Ozark	813	Elec.
City of Ozark	Ozark	813	Water.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.	Pacific	1,418	Elec.
City of Pacific	Pacific	1,418	Water.
City of Palmyra	Palmyra	2,168	Elec., water.
City of Paris	Paris	1,474	Elec., water.
Park College	Parkville	765	Elec., water.
Parkville Oil and Gas Co.	Parkville	765	Gas.
James McMullin	Parma	905	Elec.
Patonsburg Electric Light Co.	Patonsburg	1,044	Elec.
The Green Light and Power Co.	Peculiar	205	Elec.
Ozark Power and Water Co.	Pelce City	2,043	Elec.
Pelce City	Pelce City	2,043	Water.

North Missouri Light and Power Co.	Perry	895	Elec.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.	Perry county (3 townships)		Elec.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.	Perryville	1,708	Elec.
Maryville Electric Light and Power Co.	Picking	264	Elec.
Piedmont Light and Power Co.	Piedmont	1,154	Elec.
James Thompson and Fred Oerly	Plot Grove	654	Elec.
Platte City Electric Light and Power Co.	Platte City	763	Elec.
Kansas Natural Gas Co.	Platte county, along trunk line, outside incorporated cities		Gas.
Plattsburg Light and Power Co.	Plattsburg	1,650	Elec.
The Green Light and Power Co.	Pleasant Hill	2,065	Elec.
City of Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill	2,065	Water.
Excelsior Springs Water, Gas and Electric Co.	Polo	526	Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Poplar Bluff	6,916	Elec.
City of Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	6,916	Water, Elec.
Portageville Manufacturing Co.	Portageville	987	Elec.
John W. Poindexter	Prairie Home	184	Elec.
City of Princeton	Princeton	1,385	Elec., water.
Robert Black	Prosperity		Water.
City of Purcell	Purcell	994	Water.
Browning-Purdin Electric Co.	Purdin	337	Elec.
The Puxico Milling, Light and Water Co.	Puxico	814	Elec., water.
Queen City	Queen City	701	Elec.
Maryville Electric Light and Power Co.	Ravenwood	341	Elec.
The Green Light and Power Co.	Raymore	218	Elec.
Republic Lighting Co.	Republic	884	Elec.
City of Rich Hill	Rich Hill	2,755	Elec., water.
Richland Light and Power Co.	Richland	884	Elec.
Missouri Gas and Electric Service Co.	Richmond	3,664	Elec.
City of Richmond	Richmond	3,664	Water.
City of Ridgeway	Ridgeway	841	Elec.
Milligan & Taylor	Ridgeway	841	Gas.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Rivermines		Elec.
Wm. F. Marshall	Rockport	1,053	Elec.
City of Rockport	Rockport	1,053	Water.
City of Rolla	Rolla	2,261	Elec., water.
J. L. Pendell	Rothville	245	Elec.
Rutledge Electric Light Co.	Rutledge	418	Elec.
Salem Light and Power Co.	Salem (city)	1,796	Elec.
City of Salisbury	Salisbury	1,834	Elec., water.



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Operators.	Locality.	Population.	Service furnished.
Forsyth Electric Light and Power Co.	Sarcxie	1,311	Elec.
City of Sarcxie.	Sarcxie	1,311	Water.
Savannah Electric Light and Power Co.	Savannah	1,583	Elec.
City of Savannah.	Savannah	1,583	Water.
City Light and Traction Co.	Sedalia	17,822	Elec., gas.
Economy Steam Heating and Electric Co.	Sedalia	17,822	Heat.
City Water Co. of Sedalia.	Sedalia	17,822	Water.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Senath	1,029	Elec.
Seneca Artesian Water Co.	Seneca	981	Water.
O. W. Longacre.	Seymour	890	Elec.
City of Shelby.	Shelbina	2,174	Elec., water.
James Edelen Telephone and Electric Co.	Shelbyville	685	Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Sikeston	3,327	Elec.
City of Sikeston.	Sikeston	3,327	Water.
James Lindsay	Siler	276	Elec.
Mound City Electric Light and Ice Co.	Skidmore	562	Elec.
City of Slater	Slater	3,238	Elec., water.
Saline Water and Power Co.	Slater	3,238	Water.
Oarl Junction Gas Co.	Smithfield		Gas.
Smithton Electric Light Co.	Smithton	346	Elec.
Smithville Electric Light Co.	Smithville	680	Elec.
W. H. Abbott.	South Blanchard		Elec.
City of South Gorin	South Gorin	746	Water.
City of Spickardville.	Spickardville	638	Water.
Springfield Gas and Electric Co.	Springfield	35,201	Elec., gas, heat.
Springfield City Water Co.	Springfield	35,201	Water.
Mound City Electric Light and Ice Co.	Stanberry	2,121	Elec.
City of Stanberry	Stanberry	2,121	Water.
Steelville Electric Light and Power Co.	Steelville	773	Elec.
John B. Keesaman.	Stewartsville	543	Elec.
American Light and Power Co.	St. Charles	9,437	Elec.
St. Charles Electric Light and Power Co.	St. Charles	9,437	Elec.
St. Charles Lighting Co.	St. Charles	9,437	Gas.

City of St. Charles.....	St. Charles.....	9,437	Water.
American Light and Power Co.....	St. Charles county.....		Elec.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.....	St. Clair.....	397	Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	St. Francois.....		Elec.
Missouri Public Utilities Co.....	St. Francois county.....		Elec.
Home Light and Water Co.....	St. Genevieve.....	1,967	Elec., water.
St. James Ice, Light and Power Co.....	St. James.....	1,100	Elec.
St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat and Power Co.....	St. Joseph.....	77,403	Elec., heat.
St. Joseph Gas Co.....	St. Joseph.....	77,403	Gas.
St. Joseph Water Co.....	St. Joseph.....	77,403	Water.
Cupples Station Light, Heat and Power Co.....	St. Louis.....	687,029	Elec., heat.
Seventh Street Realty and Power Co.....	St. Louis.....	687,029	Elec., heat.
Laclede Gas Light Co.....	St. Louis.....	687,029	Elec., gas.
Phoenix Light, Heat and Power Co.....	St. Louis.....	687,029	Elec.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.....	St. Louis.....	687,029	Elec., heat.
City of St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	687,029	Water.
Volsey Investment Co.....	St. Louis.....	687,029	Elec.
Joseph Boehm.....	Lbuisa Heights, St. Louis county.....		Water.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.....	St. Louis county.....		Elec.
The City of St. Louis.....	Ballfontaine Road, St. Louis county.....		Water.
St. Louis County Gas Co.....	St. Louis county.....		Gas.
Western Power and Light Co.....	St. Louis county.....		Elec.
West St. Louis Water and Light Co.....	St. Louis county.....		Elec., water.
The Green Light and Power Co.....	St. Louis county.....		Elec.
City of Sturgeon.....	Sturgeon.....	663	Elec.
Sullivan Electric Co.....	Sullivan.....	934	Elec.
City of Sweet Springs.....	Sweet Springs.....	1,122	Elec., water.
Tarkio Electric and Water Co.....	Tarkio.....	1,966	Elec., heat, water.
Mammoth Springs Electric Light and Power Co.....	Thayer.....	1,613	Elec.
Water, Light and Transit Co. of Carrollton.....	Tina.....	304	Elec.
City of Tipton.....	Tipton.....	1,273	Elec.
Trenton Gas and Electric Co.....	Trenton.....	5,656	Elec., gas.
City of Trenton.....	Trenton.....	5,656	Water.
City of Troy.....	Troy.....	1,120	Elec.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.....	Union.....	934	Elec.
City of Union.....	Union.....	934	Water.
A. A. Dodge.....	Union Star.....	388	Elec.
City of Unionville.....	Unionville.....	2,000	Elec., water.
Urlich Electric Light and Power Co.....	Urlich.....	484	Elec.
Union Electric Light and Power Co.....	Valley Park.....		Elec.

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Operators.	Locality.	Population.	Service furnished.
Valley Park Water Co. ....	Valley Park. ....	.....	Water.
Vandalia Electric Light Co. ....	Vandalia. ....	1,595	Elec.
City of Vandalia. ....	Vandalia. ....	1,595	Water.
Lawrence County Light, Water and Cold Storage Co. ....	Verona. ....	446	Elec., water.
City of Versailles. ....	Versailles. ....	1,598	Elec.
Warrensburg Electric Light, Heat and Power Co. ....	Warrensburg. ....	4,689	Elec.
Warrensburg & Perte Springs Water Co. ....	Warrensburg. ....	4,689	Water.
H. C. Boettger. ....	Warrenton. ....	795	Elec.
City of Warrenton. ....	Warrenton. ....	795	Water.
City of Warsaw. ....	Warsaw. ....	824	Elec.
Union Electric Light and Power Co. ....	Washington. ....	3,670	Elec.
City of Washington. ....	Washington. ....	3,670	Water.
A. D. Ragan. ....	Wayland. ....	384	Elec.
The Empire District Electric Co. ....	Webb City. ....	11,817	Elec.
Webb City & Cartersville Gas Co. ....	Webb City. ....	11,817	Gas.
Missouri Public Utilities Co. ....	Webb City. ....	11,817	Water.
City of Webster Groves. ....	Webster Groves. ....	7,080	Water.
Wellington Light and Power Co. ....	Wellington. ....	558	Elec.
City of Wellsville. ....	Wellsville. ....	1,194	Elec.
Tarkio Electric and Water Co. ....	Westboro. ....	333	Elec.
M. O. Danciger Co. ....	Weston. ....	1,019	Elec.
The Weston Gas and Light Co. ....	Weston. ....	1,019	Gas.
City of West Plains. ....	West Plains. ....	2,910	Elec., water.
Frank Smiley. ....	Wheeling. ....	.....	Elec.
The Light, Power and Manufacturing Co. ....	Willow Springs. ....	1,401	Elec.
City of Willow Springs. ....	Willow Springs. ....	1,401	Water.
Windsor Light and Power Co. ....	Windsor. ....	2,241	Elec.
City of Windsor. ....	Windsor. ....	2,241	Water.
Frederick H. Kerner. ....	Wyaconda. ....	480	Elec.

## TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

This department was under the supervision of Mr. George P. Player since March 1, 1916, until the first day of October, 1918, at which time Mr. Player resigned to enter the services of the United States Army and was immediately sent to France for special telephone duty with the Signal Corps, receiving the commission of First Lieutenant. On October 14, 1918, Mr. W. W. Johnson, who has had several years' experience in the telephone field, took charge of the work of this office. The force now consists of but two members, the Chief of the department and one assistant.

On August 1, 1918, the Federal Government, by Act of Congress, assumed control of all telephone and telegraph companies, and placed them under the direction of the Hon. Alfred S. Burleson, Postmaster-General. The companies were by him instructed to continue the operation of their plants as in the past. This has meant that the telephone companies have come to the Commission for assistance as in previous years, and where increases in rates or changes in the ownership have been allowed since August 1st it has been with the consent and approval of the Postmaster-General. Orders and bulletins have been issued from time to time pertaining to charges which the Government has requested the telephone companies to make, and the Commission has accepted such orders as applicable to all the telephone companies. These government orders have occasioned a great amount of work in this office, such as advising the various telephone companies of the interpretation of them by the Commission.

The telephone companies in the State as well as in the United States have been seriously handicapped in their operation during the past two years by their inability to obtain materials as well as by the high prices of the material and the shortage in labor, the service of their experienced electricians, telegraph operators, engineers, linemen and other skilled employes being required by the Government in winning the war, and have necessarily been obliged to ask the Public Service Commission to grant them increases in their rates. To date seventy-one companies have been granted increases. Owing to the abnormal condition of all things during the past months, the Commission has in most of the above-mentioned number of cases retained jurisdiction of the matters and persons involved for a period of one

year, at the end of which time review of the cases will be made and orders then issued either allowing the increased rates to continue in effect or to modify them to the conditions of the times and to what the evidence discloses.

**Formal Cases:** The number of formal cases passed upon during the past year has far exceeded the number filed during any previous year, but can be attributed to the facts above stated that so many of the companies were seeking to increase their rates. To correctly allow or disallow them, the Commission has held formal hearings in almost every instance and the companies and protesting parties, city representatives, officers of civic bodies, etc., have been permitted to be heard at length, and in its desire to afford relief to the companies during the past critical months and at the same time protect the subscribers and the public against possible future excessive charges, the Commission has retained jurisdiction of almost sixty per cent of the cases in which an increase was granted. Forty such cases are now pending for the future consideration of the Commission.

The entire number of cases before the Commission for the past year referring to the telephone and telegraph interests is 120, and as but 13 were pending at the close of the year December 1, 1917, it remains that 107 cases have been presented since that date. This is, as stated before, a far greater number than during any other previous year, but is accounted for by the fact that telephone companies over the State have been petitioning the Commission to assist them by allowing them an increase in their revenue with which to partially meet the high prices of the war period.

*Following is a classification of telephone and telegraph cases disposed of by the Commission:*

Bonds, issue of.....	2
Franchises, certificate of convenience and necessity.....	2
Physical connection.....	1
Rates, amount of, for service.....	2
Rates, increase in.....	52
Sales, consolidation.....	2
Sales, not consolidation.....	17
Service, rules and practice in regard to.....	1
Stock, issue of.....	1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Cases pending.....</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>120</b>

**Informal Complaints:** The number of informal complaints received during the year is fifty-nine, and with seven at the beginning of the year, makes sixty-six to be disposed of. Out of this number there now remains but ten to be settled. The number of informal cases received during the year was less than the previous year, and about the same as in 1916.

Much time and attention has been given by this department to the explanation of difficulties through ordinary correspondence which prevented in a great many instances their becoming informal matters. Of this number but one has developed into a formal complaint, and one other was settled in a formal complaint previously filed which dealt with the same questions. The following table sets forth the nature and number of these informal complaints and the disposition made of them:

Disposition.	Service, quality of.	Rates, amount of.	Rules and terms of service.	Total.
Correction made by defendant.....	14	6	2	22
Abandoned by complainant.....	11	2	4	17
Changed to formal.....	1	1	.....	2
Cause of action not established.....	7	3	5	15
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>56</b>
Cases pending.....	9	1	.....	10
<b>Total considered .....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>66</b>

**LIST OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANIES REPORTING TO THE  
COMMISSION AT CLOSE OF YEAR 1918.**

Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
Advance Telephone Company.....	(Marble Hill.....	Bollinger.
	Advance.....	Stoddard.
Albany Telephone Company.....	Puxico.....	Stoddard.
Aldrich Mutual Telephone Ass'n.....	Albany.....	Gentry.
Allenton Mutual Tel. Co.....	Aldrich.....	Polk.
Alma Telephone Company.....	Allenton.....	St. Louis.
Altamont Independent Tel. Co.....	Alma.....	Lafayette.
American T. and T. Co.....	Altamont.....	Davess.
	(St. Louis.....	St. Louis.
Amoret Farmers Mutual Tel. Co.....	Kansas City.....	Jackson.
	Amoret.....	Bates.
	(Savannah.....	Andrew.
	Amazonia.....	Andrew.
	Avenue City.....	Andrew.
	Bolckow.....	Andrew.
	Cosby.....	Andrew.
Andrew County Mut. Tel. Co.....	(Fountainbleau.....	Andrew.
	Fillmore.....	Andrew.
	Helena.....	Andrew.
	Nodaway.....	Andrew.
	Rochester.....	Andrew.
	Rosendale.....	Andrew.
	Whitesville.....	Andrew.
Appleton City Telephone Co.....	Appleton City.....	St. Clair.
Arbela & Aehn Telephone Co.....	Arbela.....	Scotland.
Argyle Telephone Co.....	Argyle.....	Ossage.
Arkansas & Missouri Tel. Co.....	(Anderson.....	McDonald.
	Pineville.....	McDonald.
Arkeo Mutual Telephone Co.....	Arkeo.....	Nodaway.
Ash Grove Telephone Ex. Co.....	Ash Grove.....	Greene.
Ashland Mut. Tel. Switchboard.....	Ashland.....	Boone.
Atchison County Mut. Tel. Co.....	Tarkio.....	Atchison.
Atlanta Telephone Company.....	Atlanta.....	Macon.
Audrain Mutual Tel. Co.....	Mexico.....	Audrain.
Augusta Telephone Co.....	Augusta.....	St. Charles.
	Belton.....	Cass.
	Raymore.....	Cass.
	Adrian.....	Bates.
	Amsterdam.....	Cass.
Austin Inland Telephone Co.....	Archle.....	Cass.
	Creighton.....	Cass.
	Merwin.....	Cass.
	Harrisonville.....	Cass.
	Altona.....	Bates.
Auxvasse Telephone Exchange.....	Auxvasse.....	Callaway.
Auxvasse Mut. Tel. Co.....	Auxvasse.....	Callaway.
Ava Telephone Company.....	Ava.....	Douglas.
Avalon Telephone Co.....	Avalon.....	Livingston.
Avilla Telephone Co.....	Avilla.....	Jasper.
Avon Telephone Co.....	Farmington.....	St. Francois.
Ballwin Mutual Tel. Co.....	Ballwin.....	St. Louis.
Banner Telephone Co.....	Stoutsville.....	Monroe.
Barnett Telephone Co.....	Barnett.....	Morgan.
Barnett Farmers Tel. Co.....	Barnett.....	Morgan.
	Cape Fair.....	Stone.
Barry County Mut. Tel. Co.....	(McDowell.....	Barry.
	Crane.....	Stone.
Belgrade Telephone Co.....	Belgrade.....	Washington.
Bellerue Rural Tel. Co.....	Caledonia.....	Washington.

## LIST OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANIES REPORTING TO THE COMMISSION AT CLOSE OF YEAR 1918—Continued.

Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
Berger Commercial Tel. Co.	Bonnots Mill Freeburg Linn Richfountain Westphalia	Osage. Osage. Osage. Osage. Osage.
Berger Telephone Exchange	Berger	Franklin.
Bethel & Burksville Tel. Exchange	Bethel Burksville	Shelby. Shelby.
Bevier Telephone Co.	Bevier	Macon.
Benton City Mutual Tel. Co.	Benton City	Audrain.
Big Four Telephone Co.	Maywood Taylor Palmyra	Lewis. Marion. Marion.
Billings Telephone Co.	Billings	Christian.
Blackwater Telephone Co.	Blackwater Arrow Rock	Cooper. Saline.
Bloomsdale Local Tel. Co.	Bloomsdale	S. Genevieve.
Blythesdale Tel. Co.	Hatfield	Harrison.
Bogard & Bingham Tel. Co.	Bogard	Carroll.
Bolivar Telephone Co.	Bolivar	Polk.
Boonville Telephone Co.	Boonville	Cooper.
Borland Telephone Co.	Aullville	Lafayette.
Bosworth Telephone Co.	Bosworth	Carroll.
Bourbon Telephone Co.	Bourbon Records, Anthonies Mill	Crawford. Washington.
Boydeville Telephone Co.	Boydeville	Callaway.
Branson Telephone Co.	Branson	Taney.
Brashear Telephone Co.	Brashear	Adair.
Brighton Telephone Ass'n	Brighton	Polk.
Brighton Telephone Co.	Brighton	Polk.
Brinktown Tel. Exchange	Brinktown	Maries.
Bronaugh Mut. Tel. Co.	Bronaugh	Vernon.
Browning Telephone Co.	Browning	Linn.
Brownington Building and Improvement Co.	Brownington	Henry.
Brunswick Telephone Exchange	Brunswick	Chariton.
Bucklin Telephone Exchange	Bucklin	Linn.
Buffalo Telephone Co.	Buffalo Auxvasse	Dallas. Callaway.
	Bowling Green	Pike.
	Clarksville	Pike.
	Elsberry	Lincoln.
Buffum Telephone Co.	Eolia Louisiana Paynesville Vandalla Wellsville	Pike. Pike. Pike. Audrain. Montgomery.
Bunceton Independent Telephone Co.	Bunceton	Cooper.
Burlington Junction Mut. Tel. Co.	Burlington Junction	Nodaway.
Butler-Rich Hill Telephone Co.	Butler Rich Hill Spruce	Bates. Bates. Bates.
California Telephone Co.	California	Moniteau.
Callao Telephone Co.	Callao Kaseyville Ethel	Macon. Macon. Macon.
Camden County Telephone Co.	Linn Creek	Camden.
Camden Point Telephone Co.	Camden Point	Platte.
Cameron Telephone Co.	Cameron	Clinton.



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Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
Cape Girardeau Bell Tel. Co.	{ Cape Girardeau Jackson Oak Ridge Ste. Genevieve St. Marys	C. Girardeau. C. Girardeau. C. Girardeau. S. Genevieve. S. Genevieve.
Capital Telephone Company	Jefferson City	Cole.
Carlów Telephone Co.	Carlów	Davies.
Carter County Telephone Co.	{ Birch Tree Eminence Fremont Mountain View Montier Van Buren Winona	Shannon. Shannon. Carter. Howell. Shannon. Carter. Shannon.
Carter County Mut. Tel. Co.	Grandin	Carter.
Cartmell Telephone Co.	Cartmell	Newton.
Cass County Telephone Co.	{ Harrisonville Freeman Drexel Peculiar Pleasant Hill	Cass. Cass. Cass. Cass. Cass.
Cassville Telephone and Electric Co.	Cassville	Barry.
Cedar Gap Exchange	Cedar Gap	Wright.
Center Telephone Exchange	Center	Ralls.
Center Telephone Exchange	Appleton City	St. Clair.
Centerville Telephone Co.	Centerville	Reynolds.
Central Telephone Co.	Bogard	Carroll.
Chamois Telephone Co.	Chamois	Osage.
Chariton Telephone Company	Keytesville	Chariton.
Charlotte Telephone Co.	Virginia	Bates.
Cherryville Telephone Co.	Cherryville	Crawford.
Chesterfield Telephone Co.	Chesterfield	St. Louis.
Chestnut Ridge & Farmington Tel. Co.	Chestnut Ridge	S. Genevieve.
Chilhowee Telephone Co.	Chilhowee	Johnson.
Christian County Telephone Co.	Ozark	Christian.
Chula Telephone Co.	Chula	Livingston.
Citizens Telephone Co.	Mayview	Lafayette.
Citizens Telephone Co.	Fredericktown	Madison.
Citizens Telephone Co.	{ Higginsville Mayview	Lafayette. Lafayette.
Citizens Telephone Co.	Corder	Lafayette.
Citizens Telephone Co.	Tipton	Moniteau.
Citizens Mutual Tel. Co.	Holden	Johnson.
Clarence Telephone Company	Clarence	Shelby.
Clarksburg Telephone Exchange	Clarksburg	Moniteau.
Clarksdale Telephone Co.	{ San Antonio Clarksdale	Buchanan. DeKalb.
Clay County Tel. Co.	Liberty	Clay.
Clearfork Telephone Co.	{ Missouri City Garden City East Lynne	Clay. Cass. Cass.
Clever Telephone Co.	Latour	Johnson.
Clifton Hill Telephone Exchange	Clever Clifton Hill	Christian. Randolph.
Clinton County Telephone Co.	{ Plattsburg Agency Converse Easton Gower Hemple	Clinton. Buchanan. Clinton. Buchanan. Clinton. Clinton.

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Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
Clinton County Telephone Co.....	Perrin..... Starfield..... Trimble.....	Clinton. Clinton. Clinton.
Clover Leaf Telephone Exchange.....	Turney..... Lathrop..... Polo.....	Clinton. Clinton. Caldwell.
Columbia Telephone Co.....	Columbia.....	Boone.
Collins Telephone Co.....	Collins.....	St. Clair.
Commercial Telephone Co.....	Union..... Beaufort..... Leslie.....	Franklin. Franklin. Franklin.
Conception Junction Tel. Co.....	Conception Junction.....	Nodaway.
Concordia Telephone Co.....	Concordia.....	Lafayette.
Consolidated Telephone Co.....	Skidmore.....	Nodaway.
Cowgill Telephone Co.....	Cowgill.....	Caldwell.
Craig Telephone Company.....	Craig.....	Holt.
Crane Telephone Company.....	Crane.....	Stone.
Cuba Telephone Co.....	Cuba.....	Crawford.
Curryville Switchboard Co.....	Curryville.....	Pike.
Davies County Tel. Co.....	Gallatin.....	Davies.
Dawn Telephone Co.....	Dawn.....	Livingston.
Dearborn Telephone Co.....	Dearborn.....	Platte.
	Maysville.....	DeKalb.
	Fairport.....	DeKalb.
	Amity.....	DeKalb.
DeKalb County Tel. Co.....	Osborn.....	DeKalb.
	Santa Rosa.....	DeKalb.
	Weatherby.....	DeKalb.
	Woods.....	DeKalb.
	Clarkdale.....	DeKalb.
DeSoto Telephone Exchange.....	DeSoto.....	Jefferson.
DeWitt Telephone Co.....	DeWitt.....	Carroll.
Diamond Telephone Company.....	Diamond.....	Newton.
Dolan Township Mutual Tel. Co.....	Freeman.....	Cass.
Doniphan Telephone Co.....	Doniphan.....	Ripley.
	Naylor.....	Ripley.
Dover Telephone Association.....	Dover.....	Lafayette.
Downing Telephone Co.....	Downing.....	Schuyler.
Dunksburg & Concordia Tel. Co.....	Concordia.....	Lafayette.
Dunnegan Telephone Co.....	Dunnegan.....	Polk.
Eagleville Switchboard Co.....	Eagleville.....	Harrison.
Edgerton Telephone Co.....	Edgerton.....	Platte.
Edina Telephone Co.....	Edina.....	Knox.
Eldon Local and L. D. Tel. Co.....	Eldon.....	Miller.
Electric Flash Telephone Co.....	Taylor.....	Marion.
Eldorado Telephone Co.....	Eldorado.....	Cedar.
Ellington Central Telephone Co.....	Ellington.....	Reynolds.
Ely & West Ely Telephone Co.....	Ely.....	Marion.
Elmer Telephone Co.....	Elmer.....	Macon.
Emden Telephone System.....	Emden.....	Shelby.
Eminence Telephone Co.....	Eminence.....	Shannon.
	Pilot Grove.....	Cooper.
	Pleasant Green.....	Cooper.
Enterprise Tel. Co. of Cooper Co.....	Clifton City.....	Cooper.
	Bunceton.....	Cooper.
	Speed.....	Cooper.
	Boonville.....	Cooper.
Elmira Telephone Company.....	Elmira.....	Ray.
Eugene Farmers Mut. Tel. Co.....	Eugene.....	Cole.
Ethel Telephone Co.....	Ethel.....	Macon.

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Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
Evans, D. G., Telephone Co. ....	Unionville. ....	Putnam.
Everton Telephone Co. ....	Everton. ....	Dade.
Exeter Switchboard Company. ....	Exeter. ....	Barry.
Fairfax Telephone Co. ....	Fairfax. ....	Atchison.
	Corning. ....	Holt.
Fairview Telephone Co. ....	Fairview. ....	Newton.
	Stark City. ....	Newton.
Farber Telephone Co. ....	Farber. ....	Audrain.
Farmers Co-operative Tel. Co. ....	Illmo. ....	Scott.
	Bethany. ....	Harrison.
	Brimson. ....	Harrison.
	Coffey. ....	Daviess.
Farmers Tel. Co. of Harrison County. ....	Edinburg. ....	Grundy.
	Gilman City. ....	Harrison.
	Melbourne. ....	Harrison.
	Mt. Moriah. ....	Harrison.
	Ridgeway. ....	Harrison.
Farmers Telephone Company. ....	Fisk. ....	Stoddard.
Farmers Telephone Company. ....	Truxton. ....	Lincoln.
Farmers Telephone Company. ....	Milan. ....	Sullivan.
Farmers Telephone Company. ....	Versailles. ....	Morgan.
Farmers Telephone Exchange Co. ....	Mountain View. ....	Howell.
Farmers Independent Tel. Co. ....	Republic. ....	Greene.
Farmers & Merchants Tel. Co. ....	Monroe City. ....	Monroe.
Farmers & Merchants Tel. Co. ....	Odeesa. ....	Lafayette.
Farmers Home Telephone Co. ....	Higginsville. ....	Lafayette.
Farmers & Merchants Telephone Co. ....	Ely. ....	Marion.
Farmers Exchange Telephone Co. ....	Diggins. ....	Webster.
	Seymour. ....	Webster.
Farmers & Merchants Mut. Tel. Co. ....	California. ....	Monteau.
Farmers & Merchants Mut. Tel. Co. ....	Wheatland. ....	Hickory.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Ass'n. ....	Taberville. ....	St. Clair.
	Roscoe. ....	St. Clair.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Chilhowee. ....	Johnson.
Farmers Mutual Telephone Exchange. ....	Blairstown. ....	Henry.
Farmers Mut. Tel. Co., Barry County. ....	Cassville. ....	Barry.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Centerview. ....	Johnson.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Drexel. ....	Cass.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Fairplay. ....	Polk.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Forest City. ....	Holt.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Greenfield. ....	Dade.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Russellville. ....	Cole.
Farmers Mutual Tel. System. ....	Fruitland. ....	C. Girardeau.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Lockwood. ....	Dade.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	West Line. ....	Cass.
Farmers Mutual Tel. System. ....	Pocahontas. ....	C. Girardeau.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Maitland. ....	Holt.
Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Oregon. ....	Holt.
Farmington Telephone Company. ....	Doe Run. ....	St. Francois.
	Farmington. ....	St. Francois.
	Bonne Terre. ....	St. Francois.
Festus Telephone Company. ....	Festus. ....	Jefferson.
Florence Telephone Co. ....	Florence. ....	Morgan.
Fordland Telephone Co. ....	Fordland. ....	Webster.
Fortuna Telephone Co. ....	Fortuna. ....	Monteau.
Foster Telephone Co. ....	Foster. ....	Bates.
Frankford Telephone Exchange. ....	Frankford. ....	Pike.
Franklin Independent Telephone Co. ....	Washington. ....	Franklin.
Friestatt Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Friestatt. ....	Lawrence.
Gainesville Telephone Co. ....	Gainesville. ....	Ozark.

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Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
Galena & Reeds Telephone Co. ....	Galena .....	Stone.
Galt Telephone Co. ....	Galt .....	Grundy.
	Spickards .....	Grundy.
Gant Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Gant .....	Audrain.
Gasconade Central Tel. Co. ....	Hermann .....	Gasconade.
Gasconade Valley Mut. Tel. Co. ....	Morrison .....	Gasconade.
	Potsdam .....	Gasconade.
Gentry County Tel. Co. ....	King City .....	Gentry.
Gerald Telephone Exchange. ....	Gerald .....	Franklin.
Gerber's Telephone Exchange. ....	Sullivan .....	Franklin.
Gilliam Telephone Co. ....	Gilliam .....	Saline.
Golden City Telephone Co. ....	Golden City .....	Barton.
Gordonville Telephone Co. ....	Gordonville .....	C. Girardeau.
Gorin Mutual Telephone Co. ....	Gorin .....	Scotland.
Granby & Neosho Tel. Co. ....	Granby .....	Newton.
Grant City Tel. Co. ....	Grant City .....	Worth.
	Cainesville .....	Harrison.
	Mt. Moriah .....	Harrison.
Grand River Tel. Co. ....	Goshen .....	Mercer.
	Modena .....	Mercer.
	Mill Grove .....	Mercer.
	Saline Village .....	Mercer.
Green Castle Telephone Co. ....	Green Castle .....	Sullivan.
Green City Telephone Co. ....	Green City .....	Sullivan.
Green Ridge Tel. Co. ....	Green Ridge .....	Pettis.
Greentop & Hamilton Tel. Co. ....	Greentop .....	Schuyler.
Greentop and Western Tel. Co. ....	Greentop .....	Schuyler.
Hale Telephone Co. ....	Hale .....	Carroll.
Hamilton Telephone Co. ....	Hamilton .....	Caldwell.
Hanamo Tel. Co. ....	Maryville .....	Nodaway.
Hardin Tel. Co. ....	Hardin .....	Ray.
Harrison County Mut. Tel. Co. ....	Martinsville .....	Harrison.
	Brooklyn .....	Harrison.
Harrison Farmers Mut. Tel. System. ....	Tiffin .....	St. Clair.
Hartsburg Telephone Co. ....	Hartsburg .....	Boone.
Hartville Telephone Co. ....	Hartville .....	Wright.
Harwood Tel. Co. ....	Harwood .....	Vernon.
Hayseed Tel. Line. ....	Bernie .....	Stoddard.
High Point Tel. Co. ....	High Point .....	Moniteau.
	Holden .....	Johnson.
Holden Home Telephone Co. ....	Centerview .....	Johnson.
	Kingsville .....	Johnson.
Holland, J. R., Telephone System. ....	Welcome .....	Osage.
Holt Telephone Co. ....	Holt .....	Clay.
	Lily .....	Clinton.
Holt County Independent Tel. Co. ....	Mound City .....	Holt.
Home Telephone Co. ....	Centralia .....	Boone.
	Joplin .....	Jasper.
	Carthage .....	Jasper.
	Carterville .....	Jasper.
Home Telephone Co. of Joplin. ....	Carl Junction .....	Jasper.
	Oronogo .....	Jasper.
	Purcell .....	Jasper.
	Webb City .....	Jasper.
	Nevada .....	Vernon.
Home Telephone System. ....	Holcomb .....	Dunklin.
Home Mutual Tel. Co. of Caldwell Co. ....	Kidder .....	Caldwell.
Home Mutual Tel. Co. of Grover. ....	Pond .....	St. Louis.
Hopkins Telephone Co. ....	Hopkins .....	Nodaway.
Houstonia Telephone Exchange. ....	Houstonia .....	Pettis.

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Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
Hughesville & Sedalia Trunk Line Tel. Co.	Hughesville.....	Pettis.
Hume Telephone System.....	Hume.....	Bates.
Humphreys Switchboard Company.....	Humphreys.....	Sullivan.
Hunnell Telephone Co.....	Hunnell.....	Shelby.
Huntsville Telephone Co.....	Huntsville.....	Randolph.
Hurdland & Locust Hill Tel. Co.....	Hurdland.....	Knox.
Iberia Telephone Exchange.....	Iberia.....	Miller.
	Ulman.....	Miller.
	Brumley.....	Miller.
Indian Creek Tel. Co.....	St. Clair.....	Franklin.
Ionia Telephone Company.....	Ionia.....	Benton.
Ironton Telephone Company.....	Ironton.....	Iron.
Independent Telephone Co.....	Williamstown.....	Lewis.
	Breckenridge.....	Caldwell.
Independent Telephone Co.....	Mooreville.....	Livingston.
	Utica.....	Livingston.
Independent Telephone Co.....	Weatherby.....	DeKalb.
	Maysville.....	DeKalb.
Independent Telephone Co.....	Maywood.....	Lewis.
	Dunnegan.....	Polk.
Inter-County Telephone System.....	Flemington.....	Polk.
	Humansville.....	Polk.
	Weaubleau.....	Hickory.
Jackson County Tel. Co.....	Buckner.....	Jackson.
Jacoby Currier Tel. Co.....	O'Fallon.....	St. Charles.
Jamesport Telephone Co.....	Jamesport.....	Daviess.
Jamestown Telephone Exchange.....	Jamestown.....	Moniteau.
Jasper Telephone Co.....	Jasper.....	Jasper.
Jefferson County Tel. Co.....	DeSoto.....	Jefferson.
Jobe Mutual Tel. Co.....	Jobe.....	Oregon.
Johnson County Home Tel. Co.....	Warrensburg.....	Johnson.
	Knobnoster.....	Johnson.
Judith Spring Telephone Co.....	Union.....	Franklin.
Jonesburg Telephone Co.....	Jonesburg.....	Montgomery
Johnstown Farmers Tel. Co.....	Johnstown.....	Bates.
Kahoka Tel. and Construction Co.....	Kahoka.....	Clark.
Kansas City Home Telephone Co.....	Kansas City.....	Jackson.
	Independence.....	Jackson.
	Hickman Mills.....	Jackson.
Kansas City Long Dist. Tel. Co.....	Excelsior Springs.....	Clay.
	Richmond.....	Ray.
	Norborne.....	Carroll.
Kearney Telephone Co.....	Kearney.....	Clay.
Keller Telephone Co.....	Afton.....	St. Louis.
Kelso Telephone Co.....	Fornfelt.....	Scott.
	Kelso.....	Scott.
Kenwood Telephone Exchange.....	Kenwood.....	Knox.
King City Telephone Exchange.....	King City.....	Gentry.
Kingston Telephone Co.....	Kingston.....	Caldwell.
	Clayton.....	St. Louis.
	Ferguson.....	St. Louis.
	Kirkwood.....	St. Louis.
	Maplewood.....	St. Louis.
Kinloch Telephone System.....	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.
	St. Charles.....	St. Charles.
	Sedalia.....	Pettis.
	Valley Park.....	St. Louis.
	Webster Groves.....	St. Louis.
Knox City Telephone Exchange.....	Knox City.....	Knox.
Labadie Telephone Co.....	Labadie.....	Franklin.

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Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
LaBelle Tel. Construction Co. ....	LaBelle. ....	Lewis.
Laclede County Telephone Co. ....	Lebanon. ....	Laclede.
Laclede Telephone Exchange. ....	Laclede. ....	Linn.
Laddonia Rural Telephone Co. ....	Laddonia. ....	Audrain.
Lafayette Telephone Co. ....	Lexington. ....	Lafayette.
Lakenan Telephone Co. ....	Lakenan. ....	Shelby.
Lamoni Telephone Co. ....	Blythedale. ....	Harrison.
Lamonte Telephone Co. ....	Lamonte. ....	Pettis.
LaPlata Telephone Co. ....	LaPlata. ....	Macon.
Laredo Telephone Co. ....	Laredo. ....	Grundy.
LaRussell Telephone Co. ....	LaRussell. ....	Jasper.
Latham Telephone Co. ....	Latham. ....	Moniteau.
Lawson Telephone Co. ....	Lawson. ....	Ray.
Lead Belt Telephone Co. ....	Flat River. ....	St. Francois.
Leadwood Telephone Co. ....	Leadwood. ....	St. Francois.
Leasburg Telephone Exchange. ....	Leasburg. ....	Crawford.
Leasburg Tel. Co. Independent. ....	Duncans Bridge. ....	Monroe.
Leora Telephone Co. ....	Leora. ....	Stoddard.
Lennox Lines. ....	Oakwood. ....	Marion.
Leslie Telephone Exchange. ....	Leslie. ....	Franklin.
Levasy Telephone Co. ....	Levasy. ....	Jackson.
Liberal Mutual Telephone Co. ....	Liberal. ....	Barton.
Liberty Telephone Co. ....	Liberty. ....	Clay.
	Randolph. ....	Clay.
	North Kansas City. ....	Clay.
Licking Telephone Exchange. ....	Licking. ....	Texas.
Lineville Telephone Co. ....	Princeton. ....	Mercer.
Linneus Rural Telephone Co. ....	Linneus. ....	Linn.
Linn Creek Telephone Co. ....	Linn Creek. ....	Camden.
Lock Spring Telephone Exchange. ....	Lock Spring. ....	Daviess.
Lockwood Telephone Exchange. ....	Lockwood. ....	Dade.
Longwood Independent Tel. Co. ....	Longwood. ....	Pettis.
Ludlow Telephone Exchange. ....	Ludlow. ....	Livingston.
Luray Telephone Co. ....	Luray. ....	Clark.
Lytle Telephone Co. ....	Maysville. ....	DeKalb.
Machens-West Alton Telephone Co. ....	Machens. ....	St. Charles.
Macon Telephone Co. ....	Macon. ....	Macon.
Macon & Chariton County Tel. Co. ....	New Cambria. ....	Macon.
Madison Telephone Co. ....	Madison. ....	Monroe.
Malta Bend Telephone Co. ....	Malta Bend. ....	Saline.
Mansfield & Ava Tel. Co. ....	Mansfield. ....	Wright.
	Ava. ....	Douglas.
	Norwood. ....	Wright.
	Denlow. ....	Douglas.
Marston Telephone Co. ....	Marston. ....	New Madrid.
Maries County Independent Tel. Co. ....	Vienna. ....	Maries.
Marthasville Telephone Co. ....	Marthasville. ....	Warren.
Martinsburg Telephone Co. ....	Martinsburg. ....	Audrain.
Mayview Telephone Co. ....	Mayview. ....	Lafayette.
McFall Telephone Co. ....	McFall. ....	Gentry.
McFall & New Hampton Telephone Co. ....	New Hampton. ....	Worth.
	Matkins. ....	Harrison.
Meadville Telephone Exchange. ....	Meadville. ....	Linn.
	Pevely. ....	Jefferson.
Meissner Telephone Co. ....	Fenton. ....	St. Louis.
	Beck. ....	Jefferson.
Memphis Telephone Co. ....	Memphis. ....	Scotland.
Mendon Telephone Co. ....	Mendon. ....	Chariton.
Meta Telephone Exchange. ....	Meta. ....	Osage.
Metz Independent Telephone Co. ....	Metz. ....	Vernon.

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Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
Miami Independent Telephone Co.....	Miami.....	Saline.
Mike Telephone Co.....	Mike.....	Chariton.
Miller Township & Hannibal Tel. Co.....	Withers Mills.....	Marion.
Miller Telephone Co.....	Miller.....	Lawrence.
Milo-Sheldon Telephone Co.....	Milo.....	Vernon.
Mindenmines Telephone Co.....	Mindenmines.....	Barton.
Missouri-Arkansas Tel. Co.....	Mehlville.....	St. Louis.
Missouri Central Tel. Co.....	Fulton.....	Callaway.
	Windsor.....	Henry.
	Clinton.....	Henry.
Missouri Union Telephone Co.....	Deepwater.....	Henry.
	Ladue.....	Henry.
	Montrose.....	Henry.
	Urich.....	Henry.
Mokane Independent Tel. Exchange.....	Mokane.....	Callaway.
Monegaw Springs Telephone Co.....	Monegaw Springs.....	St. Clair.
	Paris.....	Monroe.
	Florida.....	Monroe.
Monroe County Mutual Tel. Co.....	Stoutsville.....	Monroe.
	Holliday.....	Monroe.
	Granville.....	Monroe.
	Goss.....	Monroe.
Montgomery Telephone Co.....	Montgomery City.....	Montgomery.
Morrisville Telephone Co.....	Morrisville.....	Polk.
Moscow Mills Telephone Co.....	Moscow Mills.....	Lincoln.
Mound City Telephone Co.....	Mound City.....	Holt.
Mt. Hope Mutual Telephone Co.....	Odeasa.....	Lafayette.
Mt. Vernon Telephone Co.....	Mt. Vernon.....	Lawrence.
Mt. Zion Mutual Tel. Co.....	Mt. Zion.....	Henry.
Musselfork Mutual Telephone Co.....	Musselfork.....	Chariton.
Mutual Telephone Co.....	Greenfield.....	Dade.
Mutual Telephone System.....	Rocheport.....	Boone.
Mutual Home Telephone Co.....	Barnhart.....	Jefferson.
Napoleon Telephone Co.....	Napoleon.....	Lafayette.
	Wellington.....	Lafayette.
Neelyville Telephone Co.....	Neelyville.....	Butler.
Neighbors Liberal Telephone Co.....	Amity.....	DeKalb.
Nevada Telephone Co.....	Nevada.....	Vernon.
Newark Telephone Co.....	Newark.....	Knox.
Newburg Telephone Co.....	Newburg.....	Phelps.
	Sturgeon.....	Boone.
New Century Telephone Co.....	Hallsville.....	Boone.
	Clark.....	Randolph.
New Franklin Telephone Co.....	New Franklin.....	Howard.
New Hampton Telephone Exchange.....	New Hampton.....	Harrison.
New London Telephone Exchange.....	New London.....	Ralls.
	Newtonia.....	Newton.
Newton County Enterprise Tel. Co.....	Berwick.....	Newton.
	Ritchey.....	Newton.
Niangua Telephone Co.....	Niangua.....	Webster.
Nixa Rural Telephone Co.....	Nixa.....	Christian.
	Canton.....	Lewis.
	LaGrange.....	Lewis.
Northeast Missouri Tel. Co.....	Monticello.....	Lewis.
	Lewistown.....	Lewis.
	Maywood.....	Lewis.
	Durham.....	Lewis.
North Side Telephone Co.....	Parkville.....	Platte.
	Farley.....	Platte.
Novelty Mutual Telephone Co.....	Novelty.....	Knox.

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Novinger Telephone Co.....	Novinger.....	Adair.
Oak Grove Home Telephone Co.....	Oak Grove.....	Jackson.
Olean Telephone Co.....	Olean.....	Miller.
Orchard Farm Telephone Co.....	Orchard Farm.....	St. Charles.
	Osceola.....	St. Clair.
Osceola Telephone Co.....	Vista.....	St. Clair.
	Lowry City.....	St. Clair.
Oregon & Forest City Tel. Co.....	Oregon.....	Holt.
	Otterville.....	Cooper.
Otterville-Smithton Tel. Co.....	Smithton.....	Pettis.
	Syracuse.....	Morgan.
Owensville Telephone System.....	Owensville.....	Gasconade.
	Dixon.....	Pulaski.
Ozarks Telephone Co.....	Crocker.....	Pulaski.
	Waynesville.....	Pulaski.
Pacific Home Telephone Co.....	Pacific.....	Franklin.
Palmyra Telephone Co.....	Palmyra.....	Marion.
Patrons Telephone Co.....	Orrick.....	Ray.
Patton Telephone Co.....	Patton.....	Bollinger.
Pattonsburg Home Telephone Co.....	Pattonsburg.....	Davless.
	Jameson.....	Davless.
Peculiar Mutual Tel. Co.....	Peculiar.....	Cass.
Peoples Telephone Co.....	Graham.....	Nodaway.
Peoples Telephone Union.....	Maryville.....	Nodaway.
Parma Telephone Co.....	Parma.....	New Madrid.
Papinville Telephone Co.....	Papinville.....	Bates.
	Marquand.....	Madison.
Peoples Telephone Co.....	Lutesville.....	Bollinger.
	Zalma.....	Bollinger.
Peoples Mutual Telephone Co.....	Braymer.....	Caldwell.
Peoples Mutual Telephone Co.....	Montgomery City.....	Montgomery.
Peoples Mutual Telephone Co.....	Kingsville.....	Johnson.
Peoples Telephone Co.....	Argyle.....	Osage.
Perry County Telephone Co.....	Perryville.....	Perry.
Perry Telephone Co.....	Perry.....	Ralls.
Peyton Telephone Co.....	Wellsville.....	Montgomery.
Pilot Grove Independent Tel. Co.....	Pilot Grove.....	Cooper.
Platte County Telephone Co.....	Platte City.....	Platte.
Pleasant Hope Telephone Exchange.....	Pleasant Hope.....	Polk.
	Rayville.....	Ray.
Polo & Richmond Tel. Co.....	Vibbard.....	Ray.
	Knoxville.....	Ray.
Potosi Telephone Co.....	Potosi.....	Washington.
Princeton Telephone Co.....	Princeton.....	Mercer.
Purdin Telephone Exchange.....	Purdin.....	Linn.
Purdy Telephone Co.....	Purdy.....	Barry.
Queen City Mutual Tel. Co.....	Queen City.....	Schuyler.
Ravanna Telephone Co.....	Ravanna.....	Mercer.
Reeds Telephone Co.....	Reeds.....	Jasper.
Regal Telephone Co.....	Braymer.....	Caldwell.
Revere Independent Telephone Co.....	Revere.....	Clark.
	Piedmont.....	Wayne.
Reynolds County Telephone Co.....	Greenville.....	Wayne.
	Patterson.....	Wayne.
	Mill Spring.....	Wayne.
Rice Telephone Exchange.....	Alton.....	Oregon.
Richards Telephone Exchange.....	Richards.....	Vernon.
Richland Telephone Co.....	Richland.....	Pulaski.
Ripley County Farmers Mut. Tel. Co.....	Doniphan.....	Ripley.
Robins Telephone Co.....	Robins.....	Johnson.



## LIST OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANIES REPORTING TO THE COMMISSION AT CLOSE OF YEAR 1918—Continued.

Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
Rochepoint Telephone Co. ....	Rochepoint. ....	Boone.
Rockport Mutual Telephone Co. ....	Rockport. ....	Atchison.
Rockville Telephone Co. ....	Rockville. ....	Bates.
Rolla Telephone Co. ....	Rolla. ....	Phelps.
Ruben Line. ....	{ Steedman. ....	Callaway.
	{ Mokane. ....	Callaway.
Rush Hill, Laddonia & Mexico Union Tel. Company. ....	Rush Hill. ....	Audrain.
Rushville Telephone Co. ....	Rushville. ....	Buchanan.
Russellville Telephone Co. ....	Russellville. ....	Cole.
Salem Telephone Co. ....	Salem. ....	Dent.
Saline Mutual Telephone Co. ....	{ Saline. ....	Mercer.
	{ Cainesville. ....	Harrison.
	{ Lineville. ....	Wayne, Iowa.
Salisbury Home Tel. Co. ....	Salisbury. ....	Chariton.
Sampsell Telephone Exchange. ....	Sampsell. ....	Livingston.
Santa Fe Telephone Exchange. ....	Santa Fe. ....	Monroe.
Sarcoile Telephone Co. ....	Sarcoile. ....	Jasper.
Schell City Telephone Exchange. ....	Schell City. ....	Vernon.
Scholler, F. A., Tel. Co. ....	Foster. ....	Bates.
Sedalia Home Telephone Co. ....	Sedalia (see Kinloch). ....	Pettis.
Seligman Rural Telephone Co. ....	Seligman. ....	Barry.
Seneca Telephone Co. ....	Seneca. ....	Newton.
Seymour Telephone Co. ....	Seymour. ....	Webster.
Shelbina Telephone Co. ....	Shelbina. ....	Shelby.
Shelby Mutual Telephone Co. ....	Shelby. ....	Linn.
Shelbyville Tel. and Elec. Co. ....	Shelbyville. ....	Shelby.
Sheldon Mutual Telephone Co. ....	Sheldon. ....	Vernon.
Sheridan Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ....	Sheridan. ....	Worth.
Shannon County Telephone Co. ....	{ Birch Tree. ....	Shannon.
	{ Winona. ....	Shannon.
	{ Aurora. ....	Lawrence.
	{ Armstrong. ....	Howard.
	{ Blue Springs. ....	Jackson.
	{ Brookfield. ....	Linn.
	{ Benton. ....	Scott.
	{ Bismarck. ....	St. Francois.
	{ Bloomfield. ....	Stoddard.
	{ Campbell. ....	Dunklin.
	{ Cardwell. ....	Dunklin.
	{ Carrollton. ....	Carroll.
	{ Carthage. ....	Jasper.
	{ Caruthersville. ....	Pemiscot.
	{ Chaffee. ....	Scott.
	{ Charleston. ....	Mississippi.
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. ....	{ Chillicothe. ....	Livingston.
	{ Clarkton. ....	Dunklin.
	{ Clayton. ....	St. Louis.
	{ Dexter. ....	Stoddard.
	{ East Prairie. ....	Mississippi.
	{ Essex. ....	Stoddard.
	{ Eureka. ....	St. Louis.
	{ Fairmount. ....	Clark.
	{ Fayette. ....	Howard.
	{ Ferguson. ....	St. Louis.
	{ Florissant. ....	St. Louis.
	{ Glasgow. ....	Howard.
	{ Glenwood. ....	Schuyler.
	{ Grain Valley. ....	Jackson.
	{ Grand View. ....	Jackson.

## LIST OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANIES REPORTING TO THE COMMISSION AT CLOSE OF YEAR 1918—Continued.

Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
	Greenwood.....	Jackson.
	Hannibal.....	Marion.
	Hayti.....	Pemiscot.
	Higbee.....	Randolph.
	Hornersville.....	Dunklin.
	Independence.....	Jackson.
	Kansas City.....	Jackson.
	Kennett.....	Dunklin.
	Kirkville.....	Adair.
	Kirkwood.....	St. Louis.
	Koshkonong.....	Oregon.
	Lamar.....	Barton.
	Lancaster.....	Schuyler.
	Lees Summit.....	Jackson.
	Lilbourn.....	New Madrid.
	Malden.....	Dunklin.
	Marceline.....	Linn.
	Mexico.....	Audrain.
	Moberly.....	Randolph.
	Marionville.....	Lawrence.
	Marshall.....	Saline.
	Monett.....	Barry.
	Monroe City.....	Monroe.
	Morehouse.....	New Madrid.
	Neosho.....	Newton.
	Nevada.....	Vernon.
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.....	New Madrid.....	New Madrid.
	Noel.....	McDonald.
	Oran.....	Scott.
	Paris.....	Monroe.
	Peirce City.....	Lawrence.
	Poplar Bluff.....	Butler.
	Portageville.....	New Madrid.
	Republic.....	Greene.
	St. Charles.....	St. Charles.
	St. Clair.....	Franklin.
	St. Joseph.....	Buchanan.
	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.
	Sedalia.....	Pettis.
	Seligman.....	Barry.
	Senath.....	Dunklin.
	Sikeston.....	Scott.
	Slater.....	Saline.
	Smithville.....	Clay.
	Southwest City.....	McDonald.
	Springfield.....	Greene.
	Stanberry.....	Gentry.
	Tarkio.....	Atchison.
	Trenton.....	Grundy.
	Valley Park.....	St. Louis.
	Warrensburg.....	Johnson.
	Washburn.....	Barry.
	Webster Groves.....	St. Louis.
	Wentworth.....	Newton.
	Westboro.....	Atchison.
Sparta Rural Tel. Exchange.....	Sparta.....	Christian.
Speed Telephone Co.....	Speed.....	Cooper.
Steelville Telephone Co.....	Steelville.....	Crawford.
Steffenville Telephone Co.....	Steffenville.....	Lewis.
Stephens Telephone Co.....	Stephens.....	Callaway.

## LIST OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANIES REPORTING TO THE COMMISSION AT CLOSE OF YEAR 1918—Continued.

Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
Stet-Rockingham-Norborne Tel. Co.....	{ Norborne.....	Carroll.
	{ Lebanon.....	Carroll.
Stewartsville Telephone Co.....	Stewartsville.....	DeKalb.
Stotesbury Telephone Co.....	Stotesbury.....	Vernon.
St. Elizabeth Tel. Exchange.....	St. Elizabeth.....	Miller.
St. James Telephone Co.....	St. James.....	Phelps.
St. Thomas Telephone Co.....	St. Thomas.....	Cole.
Stotts City Telephone Co.....	Stotts City.....	Lawrence.
Stover Telephone Co.....	Stover.....	Morgan.
Sturges Telephone Co.....	Stufges.....	Livingston.
Summerville Telephone Co.....	Summerville.....	Texas.
Sumner Telephone Co.....	Sumner.....	Chariton.
Suburban Telephone Co.....	(See Kinloch System).....	St. Louis.
Sweet Springs Telephone Co.....	{ Sweet Springs.....	Saline.
	{ Blackburn.....	Saline.
Tebbetts Telephone Exchange.....	Tebbetts.....	Callaway.
Tebo Telephone Co.....	Calhoun.....	Henry.
Texas County Mutual Tel. Ass'n.....	Houston.....	Texas.
Texas County Tel. Co.....	{ Houston.....	Texas.
	{ Cabool.....	Texas.
Thayer & Alton Telephone Co.....	Thayer.....	Oregon.
Tina Mutual Telephone Co.....	Tina.....	Carroll.
Tri-County Telephone Co.....	Nelson.....	Saline.
Triplett Independent Telephone Co.....	Triplett.....	Chariton.
Troy Telephone Co.....	{ Troy.....	Lincoln.
	{ Hawk Point.....	Lincoln.
Tuscumbia Telephone Co.....	Tuscumbia.....	Miller.
Union Telephone Co.....	Economy.....	Macon.
	Cole Camp.....	Benton.
United Telephone Co.....	Lincoln.....	Benton.
	Warsaw.....	Benton.
Vandalia Union Switchboard Co.....	Vandalia.....	Audrain.
Verona Independent Telephone Co.....	Verona.....	Lawrence.
Versailles Telephone Co.....	Versailles.....	Morgan.
Walker Telephone Co.....	Walker.....	Vernon.
Walnut Grove Telephone Co.....	Walnut Grove.....	Greene.
Wardell Telephone Co.....	Portageville.....	New Madrid.
Warrenton Telephone Co.....	Warrenton.....	Warren.
Watermelon Telephone Co.....	Blodgett.....	Scott.
Waverly Telephone Company.....	Waverly.....	LaFayette
	Cascade.....	Wayne.
	Mill Creek.....	Madison.
Wayne County Telephone Co.....	Bounds.....	Wayne.
	Hiram.....	Wayne.
	Marquand.....	Madison.
	Patterson.....	Wayne.
	Ellis.....	Wayne.
	Cold Water.....	Wayne.
Webster County Telephone Co.....	Marshfield.....	Webster.
Wentville Telephone Co.....	Wentville.....	St. Charles.
Westcot, W. M., Telephone Co.....	Lagonda.....	Chariton.
Wessell Telephone Exchange.....	New Haven.....	Franklin.
West Lawn Telephone Co.....	Leeton.....	Johnson.
West Plains Telephone Co.....	West Plains.....	Howell.
Weston Telephone System.....	Weston.....	Platte.
Wheeling Mutual Telephone Co.....	Wheeling.....	Livingston.
White Oak Telephone Co.....	Lone Jack.....	Jackson.
Willard Telephone Co.....	Willard.....	Greene.

## LIST OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANIES REPORTING TO THE COMMISSION AT CLOSE OF YEAR 1918—Continued.

Company name.	Local exchanges operated.	County.
Williamsville Telephone Co. ....	Williamsville.....	Wayne.
	Taskee Station.....	Wayne.
	Chaonia.....	Wayne.
	Ellsinore.....	Carter.
Willow Springs Local and L. D. Tel. Co. . .	Willow Springs.....	Howell.
Winfield Telephone Exchange.....	Winfield.....	Lincoln.
Winston Telephone System.....	Winston.....	Daviess.
Wright County Telephone Co.....	Mountain Grove.....	Wright.
Wright City Telephone Co.....	Wright City.....	Warren.
Wyaconda & Williamstown Tel. Co.....	Wyaconda.....	Clark.
	Ravenwood.....	Nodaway.
	Gentry.....	Gentry.
	Alanthus.....	Gentry.
Worth Mutual Telephone Co.....	Darlington.....	Gentry.
	Parnell.....	Nodaway.
	Worth.....	Worth.
	Denver.....	Worth.
	Lone Star.....	Worth.

## REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION.

**The Reports:** During the year just past, bound volume five and advanced sheets one to eight, inclusive, to volume six of the Missouri Public Service Commission reports, have come from the press. Volume five contains the decisions of the Commission in one hundred and twenty-two cases, and the eight advance sheets to volume six contain the decisions in fifty-four cases.

The decisions appearing in the Missouri Public Service Commission reports are indicative of only a very small portion of the vast amount of work transacted by the Commission. Formal cases wherein an order only is entered; informal complaints, i. e., complaints handled through correspondence; general orders, conference rulings and many other actions of the Commission are not found in these reports. Opinions are prepared only in those formal cases—cases governed by the rules of practice and procedure and forms governing matters before the Commission—which are considered of sufficient importance or involving the solution of such intricate questions as call for a careful and full statement of the facts and conclusions. These are the cases to be found in the Missouri Public Service Commission reports. Thus, only cases of permanent value—and all of these—are reported. In other formal cases, where the facts present no contested question or are not so complicated as to demand such careful statement to make plain the conclusion reached, but are of a nature permitting them to be handled by an order, an opinion is not written. These form by far the greater portion of formal cases—in fact, the ratio being about six to one. In addition, many hundred complaints are made informally and are amicably settled through correspondence. From their nature they do not demand action by the Commission as a commission. Furthermore, many questions presented to the Commission are taken care of through general orders and conference rulings. None of these is mentioned in the reports now under discussion.

The same process is followed in the compilation of each individual case. After a case has been disposed of on original hearing, the same is held until the time for filing a motion for rehearing has expired; and in the event a motion for rehearing is filed, the case does not appear in the reports until a disposition of the motion for rehearing has been had. Thus, the orig-

inal finding and the finding upon the motion for rehearing appear together in the report. An effort is made to have the cases appear in chronological order, and they are to be so found unless in exceptional cases the following out of the scheme is not feasible. The title, the docket number, the date submitted and the date of the decision are noted. Following this appear the headnotes or syllabi, with apt catchwords. The syllabi in each case present briefly, yet fully and plainly, every point or proposition at issue in the case and which has been passed upon by the Commission in the determination of the same, embodying in the syllabi the exact language of the Commission wherever feasible. Each syllabus, or headnote, is numbered at the beginning of the case and a corresponding number is to be found in the body of the report of the Commission wherein the point in the syllabus is discussed therein. Thus, one may the more readily locate the discussion of the subject matter he is seeking in the report of the Commission. The Commissioner writing the report is designated, or in case the report is the work of the Commission sitting as a body, the same is designated by the words "By the Commission." The disposition of the motion for rehearing is also mentioned. Whenever an appeal is taken in any proceeding had before the Commission which appears in the reports, a notation to that effect is made in connection with the report of the case; and reference to further action had by the courts thereon may be obtained from the court decision index.

In addition to the text (discussed in the last preceding paragraph), the report contains indexes of cases reported, cases cited, localities, court decisions and an index-digest. Under cases reported, all cases found in the volume are indexed under the proper title words, and, where possible, cross-indexed. The cases cited index contains a table of all cases cited in the volume that the searcher may follow up any particular case deciding a point in which he is interested. The "Localities Index" may stand a word of explanation. Each case, the nature of the case permitting, is to be found indexed in the localities index under the appropriate locality-word (town, county or civil subdivision), referring to the locality or localities affected, followed by a concise statement (in the form of catchwords) briefly designating the nature of the discussion and questions involved. Under the court decisions index is to be found all court cases decided in the state and Federal courts in which the Commission was an interested party. The index shows the Missouri Supreme Court

report or the Federal court report in which the case is to be found and the page number therein, and also gives the volume and page, if any, of the Missouri Public Service Commission reports wherein the decision of the Commission is to be found in the event the case is one which originated before the Commission.

At the close of each volume is to be found the index-digest. The index-digest is a compilation of the syllabi found in connection with the cases reported. The syllabi are here classified and subclassified as often as necessary, being placed under their proper catchwords and given a number therein. In addition to each syllabus in the report being placed under its proper catchword or words, a cross-reference is to be found thereto under the proper catchword if any subject-matter is discussed in the syllabus with less directness. These cross-references have been freely made, and are so arranged to direct the searcher to the catchword and syllabus number thereunder in which the subject-matter sought is to be found set forth. Every possible avenue leading the searcher directly to the point desired is attempted to be opened. The citation at the close of each syllabus gives the title of the case and the page in the report from which the syllabus has been taken.

The cases appearing in the bound volumes are first published in pamphlets or advance sheets, which are later, when of sufficient size, compiled in bound volumes. This is done in order that the interested parties may keep in close touch with the decisions of the Commission; the cases being published in advance sheet form as soon after the final determination as is possible. The paging and text of the advance sheets are identical with that of the bound volume.

The cases thus reported may be conveniently cited by giving first, the title of the complaint or application (found in black caps and at the top of the pages); and, second, following the same with — Mo. P. S. C. —.

A charge of \$2.50 per volume is made for the reports of the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri. Separate advance sheets may be had at 35 cents per copy. The amount (\$2.50) is based on the cost of publication—the object being to reimburse the State for the actual cost of publication without any view to profit.

**Missouri Public Service Commission Law—Annotated:** During the year, an annotated edition of the Public Service

Commission law has come from the press. This is an edition of the original act (Laws 1913, pp. 556-651) as changed by subsequent legislation (Laws 1917, pp. 432-441)—each section being followed by citation showing where it is to be found in the laws, together with any amendments, etc., in connection therewith. It contains notes taken from all formal proceedings bearing upon the Public Service Commission act. Citations are given showing Missouri Public Service Commission Reports, Public Utility Reports—Annotated, Missouri Supreme Court Reports, Missouri Court of Appeals Reports, Southwestern Reporter, Federal Reports and Conference Rulings and General Orders of this Commission.

The effort was made to make the notes sufficiently clear to serve as a digest, containing a full, complete and, at the same time, concise statement of the points ruled upon in formal adjudications affecting the Public Service Commission law of this State. The mere cumulation of a list of cases stating fundamental or axiomatic principles are shown only where the application of such principles to the facts have been made. The general rule, its limitations, exceptions, qualifications and extensions wherever possible are set forth that their application to the different facts may appear. The citations of authorities, for the sake of brevity, shows only the volume, the report from which taken and the page, the title of the case being omitted. However, at the close of the work a table of cases is to be found, arranged according to reports, volumes and page, from which the case title of any decision shown may be readily obtained.

In addition to the notes, each individual section contains cross-references to other sections treating of like subject-matter and in this connection notation is made of similar sections under the different articles of the act. This, because the law, taking up as it does the different classes of public service utilities under different articles, does not lend itself to the statement of all like principles under any one given section. Consequently, sections treating of closely related matters and similar sections carry notes of equal force in the application of the principles involved when considered in connection with other sections appearing under a different article. For any exhaustive search of a point, the section thus noted, especially those designated as similar, should be consulted.



**FEES COLLECTED.**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the Public Service Commission law, this Commission has collected and paid into the State Treasury during the twelve months' period beginning December 1, 1917, and ending November 30, 1918, \$27,681.16.

**FORMER EMPLOYES IN THE SERVICE.**

Several former employees left the service of this Commission to join the National Army. Recognition has been had of their technical knowledge, and some have seen several months of active service abroad, having participated in the successful drives made by the American Army during the last few months of fighting. They rendered faithful and efficient service to the State prior to their enlistment and since that time have rendered a like character of service to their fellowmen. The Commission takes pardonable pride in here presenting:

E. E. Towles, Major, Signal Corps, Camp Meade, Maryland.

S. R. Morrow, First Lieutenant, F. and S. Detachment, Second Battalion, 29th Engineers, A. P. O. 784, American Expeditionary Forces.

George P. Player, First Lieutenant, Signal Corps, Officer in charge Telephone Traffic, Base Section No. 1, A. P. O. 701, American Expeditionary Forces.

Paul Bayliss, Second Lieutenant, Eighth Regiment, Mounted Engineers, Camp Baker, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Sam C. Dysart, Chief Yeoman, Curtis Aeroplane and Motor Corps, Buffalo, N. Y.

E. J. Cahill, First Sergeant, Machine Gun Company, 356th Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces.

Clarence F. Kouns, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 356th Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces.

James C. Edwards, Corporal, Company C, 130th Machine Gun Battalion, American Expeditionary Forces.

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## **APPENDIX A.**

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### **Formal Complaints Against Common Carriers.**

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## Formal Complaints Against Common Carriers.

No. and date, 1917.	Name.	Subject.	Disposal.
1407..... Dec. 15.	Public Service Commission vs. A., T. & S. F. Ry. et al.	Record of cars ordered and furnished.	_____.
1413..... Dec. 20.	C. E. Jones et al. vs. K. C., C. C. & St. J. Ry. Co.	To compel defendant to operate cars to make connection with Q., O. & K. C. at Avondale.	2-11-1918. Order adopted.
1417..... Dec. 26.	Public Service Commission vs. Kansas City Rys. Co.—City of Kansas City, Intervener.	Proceeding of inquiry and investigation of service in Kansas City.	Report and order adopted 1-21-1918.
1421..... Jan. 2.	G. W. Scoggin vs. Missouri Pacific R. R. Co.	For agent and night train service at Glover.	11-18-18. Report by Com'r Been adopted; order issued requiring defendant to install and maintain agent at Glover, Mo.
1460..... Feb. 8.	D. E. McGaughy vs. Kansas City Rys. Co.	To compel defendant to continue operation of that part of Marlborough Line beyond 79th St. to 80th St.	5-17-18. Complaint satisfied and case closed.
1464..... Feb. 11.	Public Service Commission vs. K. C. C. C. & St. J. Ry. Co. and Q., O. & K. C. Ry. Co.	To establish just fares between points on defendants' lines.	_____.
1491..... Mar. 8.	Parma Special Road District of New Madrid County, Missouri vs. St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co.	Crossing of C. L. Sigler road, one mile north of Parma.	7-30-18. Order issued permitting crossing.
1492..... Mar. 8.	Parma Special Road District of New Madrid County, Missouri, vs. St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co.	Crossing of W. D. Nolan, M. Kaufman and W. J. Coyner roads near Parma.	4-2-18. Application granted and order issued.
1506..... Mar. 23.	Cartersville Special Road District and Cartersville Special Road District vs. Missouri Pacific R. R. Co.	Grade crossing over Mo. Pacific R. R. in Jasper county.	5-28-18. Order issued providing for crossing desired and that cost of construction be paid by complainants.

No. and date, 1918.	Name.	Subject.	Disposal.
1507..... Mar. 26.	City of Sedalia vs. Chas. E. Schaaf, Recr. M., K. & T. Ry. Co.	Removal of freight and terminal facilities from Sedalia to Appleton City, Mo.	_____.
1526..... Apr. 6.	Sam D. Hodgeson, Judge of Probate Court of St. Louis County, vs. Wabash Railway Co.	Crossing protection at Jennings Crossing.	_____.
1530..... Apr. 10.	Chas. E. Casper, doing business as Campbell Dairy Co., vs. Wells Fargo & Co. Express.	Unsatisfactory service in distribution of milk and cream.	7-19-18. Dismissed at request of complainant.
1534..... Apr. 11.	Crescent Creamery Company vs. Wells Fargo & Co. Express.	Inadequate service in distribution of milk and cream.	4-27-18. Dismissed at request of complainant.
1542..... Apr. 22.	Scott County, Missouri, by H. C. Blanton, Prosecuting Atty., vs. The Cape Girardeau Northern Ry. Co., a corporation, J. W. Fristoe, Receiver.	For overhead crossing or grade crossing where C. G. N. R. crosses King's Highway south of Cape Girardeau.	9-21-18. Complaint satisfied; crossing installed.
1587..... May 27.	A. J. Norwine et al. vs. M. R. & B. T. Ry. Co.	Inadequate depot and facilities for handling freight and passengers at Flat River.	_____.
1588..... May 27.	A. J. Norwine et al. vs. Wells Fargo & Co. Express.	For free collection and delivery of express at Flat River.	_____.
1630..... June 12.	Kemper Military School vs. Missouri Pacific R. R. Co. and Phoenix-American Pipe Works.	Spur track to complainant's light and heat plant in the City of Boonville.	7-31-18. Report Com'r Bean adopted; order issued providing for track.
1669..... July 11.	The City of University City vs. United Railways Company.	Refusal to grant transfers on Delmar avenue line.	_____.
1689..... July 22.	R. H. Faucett Mill Co. and Washburn-Crosby Co. vs. C., B. & Q. R. Co., C., R. I. & P., St. Joseph Ry., L., H. and P. Co. and City of St. Joseph.	For spur track across Olive street in the City of St. Joseph.	11-1-18. Report by Commission adopted; order issued requiring C. B. & Q. R. R. to submit plans and construct spur track.

No. and date, 1918.	Name.	Subject.	Disposal.
1702..... Aug. 1.	W. W. Meador vs. Missouri Southern R. R. Co., a corporation.	To prevent closing of station at Corridon.	8-20-18. Report adopted; order issued dismissing case without prejudice.
1708..... Aug. 10.	Ingalls Stone Company of Missouri vs. Cassville & Western R. R. Co. S. M. Mitchell, L. B. Mitchell, Cassville Marble and Lime Co., C. M. Robeson, T. C. Hatler and O. L. Cravens.	For repair of sidetrack, furnishing cars, etc.	9-30-18. Dismissed at request of complain- ant.
1750..... Sept. 9.	H. A. Dyer vs. Missouri Pacific R. R. Co.	Excessive switching rates—inadequate storage and switching facilities in Kan- sas City.	_____.
1818..... Oct. 28.	Kansas City Gas Company and Cornelius Walters, et al., Complainants, vs. Kansas City Railways Company, Defendant, City of Kansas City, Intervener.	Application for order requiring defendant to provide proper electrical return sys- tem, etc.	_____.
1825..... Nov. 1.	W. T. Dickey, Complainant, vs. St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, Defendant.	For crossing at Delta.	11-25-18. Order issued for crossing.

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**APPENDIX B.**

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**Formal Complaints Against All Public Utilities  
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## Formal Complaints Against all Public Utilities Other Than Common Carriers.

No. and date, 1918.	Name.	Subject.	Disposal.
1426..... Jan. 7.	Springfield City Water Co. vs. City of Springfield and the consumers and purchasers of water from said complainant.	For increase in water rates at Springfield, Mo.	_____.
1451..... Jan. 30.	City of Joplin vs. Joplin Gas Co.	For better gas service in Joplin.	2-5-18. Order issued dismissing complaint on request of complainant.
1461..... Feb. 9.	The Kansas City Railways Company vs. Kansas City Light and Power Company and Kansas City.	To fix rates by defendant to complainant.	5-10-18. Report by Commission adopted and order issued.
1465..... Feb. 14.	Kansas City Rys. Co. vs. Kansas City, Mo.	For increase in fares.	6-22-18. Report by Commission adopted and order issued.
1472..... Feb. 21.	T. E. Hendricks et al. vs. W. W. Botte et al., Trustees of Mexico Investment and Construction Co., a corporation.	To prevent abandonment and removal of railroad of the Mexico, Santa Fe & Perry Traction Co.	3-25-18. Order of dismissal issued.
1487..... Mar. 4.	Clay & Holley vs. Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Refusal to furnish electrical service, discrimination, etc.	_____.
1488..... Mar. 5.	Jas. R. Grady, Mayor of Miami, vs. Miami Independent Telephone Co., Harris Bros., Proprietors.	Unjust increase of rates, failure to maintain connection to county seat, as required by contract, etc.	8-16-18. Report adopted; order issued for withdrawal of P. S. O. No. 2, and ordering other rates.
1494..... Mar. 11.	E. W. Welch vs. Missouri Public Utilities Company.	To compel defendant company to furnish services to complainant.	_____.
1505..... Mar. 22.	A. P. Green Fire Brick Co. vs. Mexico Power Co.	Annual rent for fire hydrants, etc.	_____.

No. and date, 1918.	Name.	Subject.	Disposal.
1527..... Apr. 6.	J. A. Vance, D. L. Stewart, L. L. Freeman, H. M. Long and Albert Phillips, known as Relfe, Flat & Newburg Telephone Co., vs. E. S. Branel, doing business as Newburg Telephone Co., et al.	Physical connection and renewal of con- tract for service.	_____.
1537..... Apr. 16.	C. H. Munsell, Pres., for the Salisbury Home Telephone Co., vs. The Prairie Hill Telephone Co.	Failure to carry out agreement fixing charge for toll service.	_____.
1576..... May 20.	The City of Webb City, Mo. vs. Missour Public Utilities Co.	For completion of extensions and improve- ments, etc.	_____.
1605..... June 6.	The Farmers Telephone Co., ex parte, vs. The Versailles Telephone Co.	Petition to move central office.	9-12-18. Report Com'r Blair adopted; or- der issued dismissing case.
1608..... June 8.	L. E. Lortz vs. Union Electric Light and Power Company.	Refusal to make extension to residence, except on payment of \$825.00.	8-7-18. Report Com'r Flad adopted; order issued for extension to be made.
1648..... June 24.	Ozark Co-operative Rural Telephone Co. vs. The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.	For physical connection at Ozark.	7-2-18. Order issued requiring physical connection to be made.
1660..... July 1.	F. T. Hixson et al. vs. Joplin Water Works Company.	Unsatisfactory service, etc.	7-26-18. Order issued dismissing com- plainant.
1692..... July 29.	Larry Brunk, Mayor of the City of Aurora, vs. Lawrence County Water, Light and Cold Storage Company.	Inadequate water supply, facilities, etc.	11-12-18. Dismissed at request of com- plainant.
1698..... July 31.	Geo. W. Reid vs. Union Electric Light and Power Company.	Refusal to furnish current unless complain- ant pays for installation of two poles.	10-29-18. Report by Com'r Flad adopted; order issued requiring company to ex- tend service wires, etc.
1717..... Aug. 16.	City of Lees Summit vs. Independence Water Works Co.	Failure to furnish water as per contract.	_____.



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1723..... Aug. 28.	United States Coorage Co., a corporation, vs. City of Malden, a municipal corporation.	Insufficient water and electric current supply.	_____.
1749..... Sept. 9.	The City Water Company of Sedalia, Mo., vs. The City of Sedalia, Mo.	For discontinuance of water service to City of Sedalia until rentals past due are paid.	_____.
1763..... Sept. 20.	A. E. Elliott vs. Kansas City Light and Power Company.	Refusal to furnish heat to complainant's theater in Kansas City.	10-21-18. Case dismissed under stipulation filed.
1806..... Oct. 19.	The City of DeSoto, Mo. vs. Union Electric Light & Power Company, a Corporation.	Discontinuance of street lighting in DeSoto.	11-26-18. Order issued providing for street lighting service from Oct. 24, 1918, to July 1, 1919.
1819..... Oct. 29.	The City of Osceola vs. The Osceola Light & Water Company.	Unsatisfactory water conditions and service.	_____.
1827..... Nov. 2.	City of Sedalia, Missouri vs. Economy Steam Heating and Electric Company of Sedalia, Missouri.	Unsatisfactory service and insufficient heat.	_____.
1828..... Nov. 2.	Sedalia Chamber of Commerce, and Associated Customers vs. Economy Steam Heating and Electric Company of Sedalia, Mo.	Unsatisfactory service and insufficient heat.	_____.
1829..... Nov. 4.	Fred P. Jackubowski vs. West St. Louis Water and Light Company.	Extension of mains, etc.	_____.
1831..... Nov. 7.	Franklin Investment Company vs. Laclede Gas Light Company.	Refusal to extend mains.	_____.
1835..... Nov. 12.	The Miller Town Telephone Line vs. Gordin Mutual Telephone Company.	Refusal to attach complainant's line to defendant's switchboard.	_____.

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No. 1839..... Nov. 18.	The City of Troy, vs. Troy Telephone Company, Herman F. Weul- burn, Owner.	Unsatisfactory telephone service at Troy.	_____.
No. 1841..... Nov. 20.	City of Joplin, vs. Home Telephone Company of Joplin.	Unsatisfactory service and protest against increased rates.	_____.
No. 1845..... Nov. 22	L. C. Mears, et. al., vs. Caruthersville & Kennett Electric Light & Power Company.	Unsatisfactory service at Caruthersville.	_____.



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## **APPENDIX C.**

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### **Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity.**

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1403..... Dec. 11. 1918.	Application of The Rockport Light and Power Co. for certificate of convenience and necessity to operate electric light plant in Rockport, Atchison county, Mo.	For certificate of convenience and necessity to operate electric light plant.	12-11-17. Application granted and order issued.
1449..... Jan. 28.	Application of L. K. Green & Sons for certificate of convenience and necessity to build transmission line from Pleasant Hill to Lees Summit, thence to Little Blue, and from Pleasant Hill to Peculiar, to Belton and to Grand View.	Certificate of convenience and necessity for transmission line.	1-28-18. Granted and order issued.
1504..... Mar. 22.	In the matter of the application of The Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company of Knox County, Mo., for permission to construct and operate telephone exchange, Edina Telephone Co., Intervener.	To construct and operate telephone exchange at Edina.	6-12-18. Granted and order issued.
1578..... May 22.	In the matter of the application of Adair County Light, Power and Ice Company, a corporation, for an order approving an order of the county courts of Adair and Macon counties and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, authorizing construction of power transmission line from Kirksville to LaPlata.	Construction of power transmission line from Kirksville to LaPlata.	7-29-18. Granted and order issued.
1579..... May 22.	In the matter of the application of Jesse Stratton of Otterville, Mo., for a certificate of convenience and necessity for the operation of a light and power plant at Otterville, Mo.	Certificate of convenience and necessity to operate an electric plant.	5-24-18. Granted and order issued.
1580..... May 23.	In the matter of application of Piedmont Light and Power Company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a transmission line from Piedmont, Mo., to the villages of Leeper and Mill Spring, and the construction of distributing systems within said villages of Leeper and Mill Spring.	Certificate of convenience and necessity for transmission line and construction of distributing systems.	6-7-18. Granted and order issued.

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1596..... May 29.	In the matter of the application of the Maryville E. L. and P. Co. for certificate of present public convenience and necessity, authorizing proposed new construction and extensions, and the exercise of rights and privileges under franchise and permit in the town of Barnard and vicinity.	For certificate of convenience and necessity to operate electric plant at Barnard and vicinity.	5-29-18. Granted and order issued.
1597..... May 29.	In the matter of the application of the Maryville E. L. and P. Co. for certificate of present public convenience and necessity, authorizing proposed new construction and extensions, and the exercise of rights and privileges under franchise and permit in the town of Clearmont and vicinity.	For certificate of convenience and necessity to operate electric plant at Clearmont and vicinity.	5-29-18. Granted and order issued.
1598..... May 29.	In the matter of the application of the Maryville E. L. and P. Co. for certificate of present public convenience and necessity, authorizing proposed new construction and extensions, and the exercise of rights and privileges under a franchise and permit in the town of Clyde and vicinity.	For certificate of convenience and necessity to operate electric plant at Clyde, Mo., and vicinity.	5-29-18. Granted and order issued.
1599..... May 29.	In the matter of the application of the Maryville E. L. and P. Co. for certificate of present public convenience and necessity, authorizing proposed new construction and extensions, and the exercise of rights and privileges under a franchise and permit in the town of Conception Junction and vicinity.	For certificate of convenience and necessity to operate electric plant at Conception Jct. and vicinity.	5-29-18. Granted and order issued.
1600..... May 29.	In the matter of the application of the Maryville E. L. and P. Co. for certificate of present public convenience and necessity, authorizing proposed new construction and extensions, and the exercise of rights and privileges under a franchise and permit in the town of Ravenwood and vicinity.	For certificate of convenience and necessity to operate electric plant at Ravenwood and vicinity.	5-29-18. Granted and order issued.
1688..... July 18.	In the matter of the application of the Tarkio Electric and Water Company for certificate of convenience and necessity, authorizing the building of a transmission line from Tarkio, Mo., to Rockport, Mo.	For certificate of convenience and necessity to construct transmission line from Tarkio to Rockport.	9-16-18. Application granted and order issued.

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1794..... Oct. 8.	In the matter of the application of the People's Telephone Company of Miami, Mo., Frank M. Burrus, proprietor, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.	Certificate of convenience and necessity.	11-8-18. Order issued dismissing case.
1798..... Oct. 12.	Application of R. R. Howard for certificate of convenience and necessity to operate a telephone system and an electric light plant at Bourbon, Missouri.	Certificate of convenience and necessity.	10-12-18. Application granted and order issued.

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## **APPENDIX D.**

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### **Miscellaneous Formal Complaints and Applications.**



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No. and date, 1917.	Name.	Subject.	Disposal.
1400..... Dec. 3.	Matter of violation of M., K. & T. Ry. Co. and Recr. of order of P. S. C., entered on 28th day of January, 1916, in Case No. 821, "P. D. Henger et al. vs. M., K. & T. Ry. Co. and Recr."	For violation of order.	1-30-18. Supplemental order issued closing case under stipulation filed.
1401..... Dec. 3.	Application of E. B. Boyd, Agent, for authority to amend Freight Tariff No. 91, P. S. C. Mo. No. 45, so as to advance minimum weight on lime, now shown at 24,000 lbs. to read 30,000 lbs.	To advance minimum weight on lime.	_____.
1404..... Dec. 13.	Application of Missouri Pacific R. R. Co. to reconstruct its tracks across Santa Fe Trail in Lafayette county.	To reconstruct tracks.	12-17-17. Granted and order issued.
1405..... Dec. 13.	Application of John H. Ronald to sell and Robert Struchtmeyer to buy telephone plant at Wright City.	For the sale of telephone plant.	1-22-18. Granted and order issued.
1406..... Dec. 11.	Suspension of tariff naming new joint fares and joint regulations governing movement of passengers and baggage between points on St. Louis & Hannibal Ry. and Wabash Ry.	Suspension of passenger and baggage rates.	11-22-18. Report by Commission adopted; order issued fixing one way and round trip fares; also 500-mile coupon tickets all in force one year.
1409..... Dec. 17.	Application of L. K. Green & Sons, a copartnership, to transfer certain assets to Green Light and Power Company.	For transfer of assets.	1-15-18. Granted and order issued.
1411..... Dec. 20.	Application of E. Stantzenberger to sell and L. K. Green & Sons to buy certain property used in conduct of electric light and power plant at Raymore.	For sale of electric and power plant.	1-15-18. Granted and order issued.
1412..... Dec. 20.	Application of S. A. and J. A. Killian to sell and L. H. Garst and E. J. Frantz to buy telephone exchange at Seymour.	For sale of telephone exchange.	12-22-17. Granted and order issued.
1414..... Dec. 20.	Application of Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City R. R. Co. for permission to discontinue trains Nos. 13 and 14.	For discontinuance of trains Nos. 13 and 14.	3-28-18. Report adopted and order of dismissal issued.

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1415..... Dec. 22.	In the matter of the suspension of rates and charges of the Iron County Electric Light and Power Co. at Ironton, Mo.—City of Ironton, Intervener.	Suspension of electric rates.	6-12-18. Order issued.
1416..... Dec. 26.	In the matter of the application of Hugh T. Jones and S. W. Fickle for permission to sell franchise for the sale and transportation of gas in the City of Parkville, Mo., to Parkville Oil and Gas Co., a corporation.	Transfer of gas franchise at Parkville.	12-27-17. Granted and order issued.
1418..... Dec. 26.	Application of A. T. & S. F. Ry. Co. for permission to cross highway with spur track to serve Standard Oil Co. at Richmond, Ray county, Mo.	For spur track.	12-27-17. Granted and order issued.
1419..... Dec. 29.	Application of J. M. Lewis to sell and Walter M. Stranger to buy the Rogersville Telephone Exchange.	For the sale of telephone exchange.	12-29-17. Granted and order issued.
1420..... Jan. 3.	Application of Deering Southwestern Ry. Co. for order authorizing publication of demurrage tariffs applicable on Missouri state traffic, amending present demurrage rules.	To amend demurrage rules.	_____.
1422..... Jan. 4.	Application of the United Railways Co. for permission to change the routing of cars on Bellefontaine line, account dangerous condition of Fourteenth street bridge.	For rerouting of Bellefontaine cars.....	1-4-18. Granted and order issued.
1423..... Jan. 5.	Application of R. E. Culver and Charles H. Mayer for establishment of public highway crossing over tracks of O., B. & Q. R. R. Co. in Andrew county.	For highway crossing over O., B. & Q. tracks in Andrew county.	2-23-18. Granted and order issued.
1424..... Jan. 7.	Application of the Wellsville Fire Brick Co. for permission to build switch track from Wabash Ry. Co.'s main line across public highway one mile west of Wellsville.	For switch track.	1-14-18. Granted and order issued.
1425..... Jan. 7.	Application of Wm. F. Marshall for order authorizing the assignment of the authority granted Rockport L. and P. Co. to said Wm. F. Marshall.	For assignment of authority.	1-7-18. Granted and order issued.

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1427..... Jan. 7.	Matter of the valuation of the plant of Springfield City Water Company at Springfield.	Valuation Springfield City Water Company's plant at Springfield.	_____.
1431..... Jan. 8.	Application of the St. Louis County Gas Company for emergency relief to enable it to meet the increased cost of gas making materials, labor and taxes.	For increased gas rates in St. Louis county.	2-25-18. Order issued permitting addition of surcharge pending valuation.
1432..... Jan. 7.	In the matter of the assessment and collection of demurrage charges, and the cancellation of average agreements.	For higher demurrage charges.	2-4-18. Order granted.
1433..... Jan. 10.	Application of Harry and Gussie Colby to sell, and James Thompson and Fred Orely to purchase electric light plant and franchise at Pilot Grove.	For the sale of electric light plant, etc., at Pilot Grove.	1-14-18. Granted and order issued.
1434..... Jan. 14.	Matter of suspension and investigation of tariffs naming new individual fares governing transportation of passengers by the Chicago Great Western R. R. Co.	Suspension of tariffs.	4-13-18. Case dismissed without prejudice.
1435..... Jan. 15.	Application of A. T. & S. F. Ry. Co. for permission to cross Richmond street, Camden, Ray county, with spur track to serve the Burgess Lumber Company.	Application for spur track.	1-15-18. Granted and order issued.
1436..... Jan. 16.	Application of Clay County Tel. Co. to sell and Liberty Tel. Co. to buy certain property, and for Jno. A. Eby to buy certain property and for Liberty Tel. Co. to have increase in rates.	For sale of telephone property, and for increased rates.	1-28-18. Granted and order issued.
1437..... Jan. 15.	Matter of suspension of rates and charges of The Green Light and Power Co. at Lees Summit.	Suspension of electric rates.	2-25-18. Order of suspension vacated.
1438..... Jan. 15.	Matter of the suspension of rates and charges of the Green Light and Power Co. at Belton.	Suspension of electric rates.	2-25-18. Order of suspension vacated.
1439..... Jan. 18.	Application of Silgo & Eastern Railroad Company for increase in freight rates.	For increase in freight rates.	3-2-18. Order issued.
1440..... Jan. 18.	Application of the Ozark Valley Railway Company for increase in freight rates.	For increase in freight rates.	2-20-18. Order issued dismissing application at request of applicant.

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1442..... Jan. 21.	Application K. C. St. L. & C. R. R. Co., C. & A. R. R. Co., and K. C. Terminal Ry. Co. for order authorizing sale and conveyance of certain properties between said companies, etc.	For conveyance of property.	1-22-18. Granted and order issued.
1443..... Jan. 22.	In the matter of suspension of proposed rates and charges of Springfield City Water Co. to the City of Springfield, for furnishing water for fire hydrants and other public uses.	Suspension of water rates.	_____
1444..... Jan. 23.	In the matter of suspension of rates of Mt. Vernon Telephone Co., Mt. Vernon, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	4-24-18. Granted and order issued.
1445..... Jan. 23.	In the matter of the application of the Downing Telephone Company to increase its rates for Class "A" Rural Telephone Service.	Increase in telephone rates.	1-23-18. Granted and order issued.
1446..... Jan. 23.	Application of the Clifton Hill Telephone Co. for permission to increase its rates for various classes of service.	Application for increased telephone rates.	1-23-18. Granted and order issued.
1447..... Jan. 23.	Application of the Seymour Telephone Company for permission to increase its rates for various classes of service.	For increased rates.	1-23-18. Granted and order issued.
1448..... Jan. 28.	Application of James Lindsay to exercise franchise and permission granted by the village of Silex.	To exercise rights of franchise.	1-23-18. Granted and order issued.
1450..... Jan. 29.	Application of Julia F. Kirkland to sell and J. A. Davenport to buy telephone exchange at Ash Grove.	Application for sale of telephone exchange.	1-29-18. Granted and order issued.
1452..... Jan. 30.	Application of W. W. Metts to exercise franchise granted by the village of Bellflower. (To run electric light plant.)	To exercise rights of franchise.	1-30-18. Granted and order issued.
1453..... Jan. 30.	In the matter of suspension of rates of The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's exchange, Kirksville, Mo.	Suspension.	_____
1454..... Feb. 4.	Application of City of Bucklin and H. V. Jones for approval of franchise, etc., to operate electrical system for sale of electric energy in town of Bucklin.	For approval of franchise.	2-4-18. Granted and order issued.

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1455. Feb. 2.	In the matter of suspension of proposed schedule increasing the rates and charges of The St. Louis County Gas Company, and valuation.	Suspension and valuation.	_____.
1456. Feb. 5.	In the matter of suspension of a proposed schedule increasing rates of Missouri Public Utilities Co. for Cartersville and Webb City.	Suspension.	2-16-18. Complaint satisfied. Order issued closing case.
1457. Feb. 6.	Application of United Rys. Co. of St. Louis for increase in fares. (City of St. Louis and Civil League, interveners.)	Application for increase in fares.	5-11-18. Report of Chr. Busby and Com'rs Fied and Simpson adopted; Com'rs Bean and Blair dissent in separate report. Order issued permitting 6c. rate full fare for one year ending 6-1-19.
1458. Jan. 30.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Home Telephone Co. at its exchange in Webb City, Mo.	Suspension.	10-24-18. Report by Commission adopted; order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1462. Feb. 9.	Application of Blue Springs Light and Power Co. for permission to change its rates, and to amend its minimum charge.	Application to change rates and amend minimum charge.	3-28-18. Order granted permitting changes for one year.
1463. Feb. 11.	Application of Jas. Greenspon's Sons Iron and Steel Co. for order approving purchase of property of St. L. & Mo. Sou. Ry. Co. and for authority to abandon operation of said railway.	To purchase St. L. & Mo. Sou. Ry. and abandon operation.	2-25-18. Application granted and order issued.
1467. Feb. 13.	In the matter of the suspension of rates and charges of the Trenton Gas and Electric Company.	Suspension.	3-2-18. Suspension vacated.
1468. Feb. 15.	Application of Ozark Valley Ry. Co. for an order authorizing discontinuance of service and sale and removal of tracks and equipment.	Discontinue service and sell and remove tracks and equipment.	2-26-18. Order issued dismissing case.
1471. Feb. 14.	Application of the City of Bethany, Mo., for permission to increase its rates for electricity for various classes of service.	Increase of electric rates.	2-14-18. Granted and order issued.
1474. Feb. 15.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the City of Higginsville for electric service.	Suspension of electric rates.	6-18-18. Suspension vacated and schedule of rates permitted for one year.

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1475. Feb. 25.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Oak Grove Light and Power Co. at Oak Grove, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	3-28-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1476. Feb. 25.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Mound City Electric Light and Ice Co. at Skidmore, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.
1477. Feb. 25.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of Mound City Electric Light and Ice Co. at Stanberry, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.
1478. Feb. 25.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Tarkio Electric and Water Co. at Tarkio, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.
1479. Feb. 25.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Mound City Electric Light and Ice Co. at Mound City, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.
1480. Feb. 25.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Mound City Electric Light and Ice Co. at Graham, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.
1481. Feb. 25.	In the matter of application of St. Joseph Ry., L., H. and P. Co. of St. Joseph, Mo., to increase its rates for electricity for certain classes of service.	Increase of rates for power service by the addition of a "fuel rider."	2-25-18. Granted and order issued.
1482. Feb. 25.	Application of the Empire District Electric Co. of Joplin, Mo., for permission to increase its rates for electricity for certain classes of service.	Increase of rates for power service by the addition of a "fuel rider."	2-25-18. Granted and order issued.
1483. Feb. 26.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Newburg Light and Power Co. at Newburg, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	5-14-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1484. Feb. 25.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Laclede Telephone Exchange at Laclede, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	7-31-18. Report Chr. Busby adopted; order issued permitting certain rates for one year.
1485. Feb. 25.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Texas County Telephone Company at Houston and Cabool, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	8-20-18. Report adopted and order issued permitting certain rates to become effective.

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1486..... Feb. 28.	In the matter of application of the Farmers & Merchants Telephone Company of Monroe City, Mo., for physical connection with the Southwestern Bell Tel. Co.	Physical connection between telephone companies at Monroe City, Mo.	_____.
1489..... Feb. 20.	In the matter of application of The Gasconade Central Telephone Co. to sell and W. W. McCurdy to buy its telephone property.	Transfer of telephone property, Owensville, Mo.	3-4-18. Granted and order issued.
1490..... Feb. 27.	In the matter of application of Peyton Telephone Exchange to sell and Henry Ingelmann to buy said exchange located at Wellsville, Mo.	Transfer of telephone property.	3-5-18. Granted and order issued.
1493..... Mar. 8.	In the matter of application of Moberly Light and Power Company of Moberly, Mo., for permission to institute certain changes in its service extension rules for gas and electric service.	Changes in service extension rules for gas and electric service.	3-8-18. Granted and order issued.
1495..... Mar. 12.	Application of Adair County Light, Power and Ice Co. of Kirksville, Mo., for permission to institute certain changes in its service extension rules.	For permission to institute certain changes in its service extension rules.	3-12-18. Granted and order issued for certain changes for one year.
1497..... Mar. 16.	Application of Fayette Light, Ice and Coal Co. to justify a proposed increase of electric rates, and for authority to allow same to become effective on less than 30 days' notice.	For increase of electric rates at Fayette. Also suspension of same.	6-18-18. Report of Com. Bean adopted; order issued permitting certain rates for one year.
1498..... Mar. 18.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Butler-Rich Hill Telephone Company at Butler, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	7-26-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1499..... Mar. 18.	In the matter of application of Missouri Pacific R. R. Co. et al. for order annulling, cancelling and setting aside this Commission's order of March 31, 1914, in Case 244, Blackmer & Post Pipe Co. et al. vs. Mo. Pacific Ry. Co. et al.	Annuling order in Case 244.	3-18-18. Granted and order issued.
1500..... Mar. 18.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Kearney Telephone Company, Kearney, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	6-19-18. Report of Com'r Flad adopted and order issued.

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1501..... Mar. 20.	In the matter of application of the Kansas City, Clinton & Springfield Ry. Co. for permission to abandon certain grade crossings and install a grade crossing, due to road changes.	To abandon two grade crossings and install one.	7-12-18. Granted and order issued.
1502..... Mar. 20.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Norborne Fuel, Ice and Light Company at Norborne, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	5-18-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1503..... Mar. 21.	In the matter of application of Jamestown Telephone Exchange, constituted and composed of the copartnership of J. C. Meyer and Hugh A. Meyer, for an order to sell and transfer the entire plant and equipment to M. E. Howard of Jamestown.	Transfer of Jamestown telephone exchange.	_____.
1508..... Mar. 27.	In the matter of application of the Cloverleaf Telephone Company to increase rates for various classes of telephone service.	Increase of rates at Lathrop for telephone service.	3-27-18. Granted and order issued permitting certain rates for one year.
1509..... Mar. 27.	In the matter of application of the Bunceton Independent Telephone Company to increase rates for various classes of telephone service.	Increase of telephone rates at Bunceton.	3-27-18. Granted and order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1510..... Mar. 27.	In the matter of application of the Waverly Telephone Company to increase rates for various classes of telephone service.	Increase of telephone rates at Waverly.	3-27-18. Granted and order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1511..... Mar. 27.	In the matter of application of the Albany Telephone Company to increase rates for various classes of telephone service.	Increase of telephone rates at Albany.	3-27-18. Granted and order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1512..... Mar. 27.	In the matter of application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to increase rates for various classes of telephone service in the area served by the Kirkwood and Webster Groves exchanges, embracing Glendale, Mo.	Increase of telephone rates of Kirkwood and Webster Groves exchanges, including Glendale.	3-27-18. Granted and order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1513..... Mar. 28.	Application of J. L. Kauffman, sole owner of the Garden City Light and Power Company, for permission to transfer all of its property, franchises and contracts to the Green Light and Power Company of Pleasant Hill, Mo.	Transfer of light and power plant.	4-20-18. Granted and order issued.



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1514..... Mar. 28.	In the matter of suspension of rules and charges for gas service of the Boonville Light, Heat and Power Company at Boonville, Mo.	Suspension of gas charges and rules.	6-7-18. Suspension vacated.
1515..... Mar. 28.	In the matter of suspension of rules and charges for electric service of the Boonville Light, Heat and Power Company at Boonville, Mo.	Suspension of electric charges and rules.	6-7-18. Suspension vacated.
1516..... Mar. 28.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Warrensburg Electric Light, Heat and Power Company at Warrensburg, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	6-18-18. Order issued requiring withdrawal of proposed increased rates.
1517..... Mar. 28.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Brookfield Electric Light Company at Brookfield, Mo., and valuation.	Suspension of electric rates and valuation.	8-1-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for commercial lighting for one year.
1518..... Mar. 28.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Knobnoster Electric Company at Knobnoster, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	6-18-18. Report of Com'r Bean adopted and order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1519..... Mar. 28.	In the matter of application of the Concordia Light and Power Company at Concordia, for permission to increase its rates for electricity for various classes of service.	Increase in electric rates.	3-28-18. Granted and order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1520..... Apr. 1.	In the matter of application of the Boonville Light, Heat and Power Co. to justify a proposed increase of gas rates as provided for under Sec. 70 of the P. S. C. Law.	Application for increased gas rates.	6-7-18. Findings and conclusions adopted; order issued making permanent suspension; increased gas rates permitted for one year.
1521..... Apr. 3.	In the matter of application of E. C. Nicky, Highway Engineer for Butler county, Missouri, for permission to open up, construct and maintain a public road crossing of the St. L.-S. F. Ry. Co. in Butler county, Missouri.	Grade crossing in Butler county.	5-17-18. Granted and order issued.
1522..... Apr. 3.	In the matter of application of E. C. Nicky, Highway Engineer for Butler county, Missouri, for permission to open up, construct and maintain a public road crossing over the tracks of the Butler County R. R. Co. in Butler county, Missouri.	Grade crossing in Butler county.	7-30-18. Granted and order issued.

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1523 Apr. 3.	In the matter of application of E. C. Nickey, Highway Engineer for Butler county, Missouri, for permission to open up, construct and maintain a public road crossing over the tracks of the Missouri Pacific R. R. Co. in Butler county, Missouri.	Grade crossing in Butler county.	7-30-18. Granted and order issued.
1524 Apr. 3.	In the matter of suspension of rules and regulations governing extensions of electric service of The Empire District Electric Company, headquarters at Joplin, Mo.	Suspension of rules and regulations.	8-12-18. Report of Com'r Blair adopted; order issued permitting certain rules and regulations for one year.
1525 Apr. 5.	In the matter of application of St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat and Power Co. for authority to lease and purchase certain street cars and execute certain lease agreements pertaining thereto, and to guarantee the payment of certain obligations created for the purchase of such street cars.	To lease and purchase street cars.	4-5-18. Granted and order issued.
1528 Apr. 9.	In the matter of application of the City Water Company of Sedalia for an order authorizing it to dispose of one or both of its standpipes.	For permission to dispose of standpipes.	6-11-18. Granted and order issued.
1529 Apr. 10.	In the matter of application of John W. Friedtoe, Receiver of the Cape Girardeau Northern R. R. Co., for increase of rates, freight and passenger.	Increase in freight and passenger rates.	—.
1531 Apr. 10.	In the matter of petition of Tarkio Electric and Water Company for permission to add a surcharge to its rates for electricity.	For surcharge to electric rates at Tarkio.	8-23-18. Report of Com'r Bean adopted; order issued dismissing case, with instructions.
1532 Apr. 10.	In the matter of the petition of Mound City Electric Light and Ice Company for permission to add a surcharge to its rates for electricity.	For surcharge to electric rates at Mound City.	8-23-18. Report of Com'r Bean adopted; order issued dismissing case, with instructions.
1533 Apr. 10.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the City Light and Traction Company at Sedalia, Mo.	Suspension of rates and charges for electricity.	8-26-18. Order issued permitting rates for one year.

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1535..... Apr. 15.	Application of W. E. Hamacher, O. C. Lucy and Jules A. Fremon, acting as an organization committee, for permission to sell the electric light and power plant owned by W. E. Hamacher.	Transfer of electric plant at Piedmont.	4-15-18. Granted and order issued.
1538..... Apr. 18.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for electric power of the City of Albany in the State of Missouri.	Suspension of electric power rates.	_____.
1540..... Apr. 23.	In the matter of suspension and investigation of schedules and tariffs naming new individual fares governing transportation of passengers by the St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat and Power Co., and valuation.	Suspension of street railway fares at St. Joseph, and valuation.	Pending. Awaiting valuation.
1541..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of application of The Memphis Electric Light, Heat and Power Co., a corporation of Memphis, Mo., ex parte, and petitioner for permission to cease furnishing electric current in the City of Memphis, Mo.	For permission to cease operation of electric plant at Memphis.	7-28-18. Dismissed at request of applicant.
1543..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the People's Gas and Electric Co. at Chillicothe, Mo.	Suspension of rates for gas service at Chillicothe.	6-7-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1544..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for gas service of the Trenton Gas and Electric Company at Trenton, Mo.	Suspension of rates for gas service at Trenton.	8-1-18. Report adopted; order issued requiring company to withdraw proposed gas and electric schedules.
1545..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for electric service of the Trenton Gas and Electric Company at Trenton, Mo.	Suspension of rates for electric service at Trenton.	8-1-18. Report adopted; order issued requiring company to withdraw proposed gas and electric schedules.
1546..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Missouri Gas and Electric Service Company at Marshall, Mo., for gas service.	Suspension of rates and charges for gas service at Marshall.	_____.
1547..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Missouri Gas and Electric Service Company at Marshall, Mo., for electric service.	Suspension of rates and charges for electric service at Marshall.	_____.
1548..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Missouri Gas and Electric Service Company at Liberty, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Liberty.	_____.

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1549..... Apr. 26.	In the matter of application of the Bufum Telephone Company, a corporation, for permission to sell, and Frank M. Holland to purchase certain telephone property and franchises in Auxvasse, Mo.	Transfer of telephone property at Auxvasse.	4-26-18. Granted and order issued.
1550..... Apr. 23.	In the matter of suspension of rates of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for its exchange at Lancaster, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates at Lancaster, Mo.	8-23-18. Report adopted; order issued requiring company to withdraw proposed rates and file other rates.
1551..... Apr. 23.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Bufum Telephone Company's Exchange at Clarksville, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates at Clarksville, Mo.	8-15-18. Report of Com'r Simpson adopted; order issued permitting increased rates.
1552..... Apr. 23.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Commercial Telephone Company for its exchanges at Washington, Union, Mehlville and Beaufort, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates at Washington Union, Mehlville and Beaufort, Mo.	5-3-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1553..... Apr. 23.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Cass County Telephone Company for its exchange at Pleasant Hill, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates at Pleasant Hill.	9-17-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1554..... Apr. 23.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Osceola Telephone Company for its exchange at Osceola, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates at Osceola, Mo.	5-13-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1555..... Apr. 23.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Osceola Telephone Company for its exchange at Lowry City, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates at Lowry City, Mo.	8-17-18. Report adopted; order issued.
1556..... Apr. 26.	In the matter of application of Hagar Bros. and J. L. Shotwell for an order authorizing Hagar Bros. to sell, transfer and deliver to J. L. Shotwell, all franchises, contracts and property of the electric light plant now owned and operated by Hagar Bros. at Laddonia, Mo.	Transfer of electric light plant at Laddonia, Mo.	5-3-18. Granted and order issued.
1557..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for electric service of the Maryville Electric Light and Power Company at Maryville, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Maryville.	6-6-18. Order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1558..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for heating service of the Maryville Electric Light and Power Company at Maryville, Mo.	Suspension of heating rates at Maryville.	6-6-18. Order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.

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1569..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for electric service of the Maryville Electric Light and Power Company at Barnard, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Barnard.	6-6-18. Order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1560..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for electric service of the Maryville Electric Light and Power Company at Clearmont, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Clearmont.	6-6-18. Order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1561..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for electric service of the Maryville Electric Light and Power Company at Clyde, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Clyde.	6-6-18. Order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1562..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for electric service of the Maryville Electric Light and Power Company at Ravenwood, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Ravenwood.	6-6-18. Order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1563..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for electric service of the Maryville Electric Light and Power Company at Conception Junction, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Conception Junction.	6-6-18. Order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1564..... Apr. 22.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for electric service of the Maryville Electric Light and Power Company at Burlington Junction, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Burlington Junction.	6-6-18. Order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1565..... Apr. 27.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for gas service of the Missouri Gas and Electric Service Company at Lexington, Mo.	Suspension of gas rates at Lexington.	8-24-18. Report by Com'r Blair adopted and order issued.
1566..... Apr. 27.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges for electric service of the Missouri Gas and Electric Service Company at Lexington, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Lexington.	8-24-18. Report by Com'r Blair adopted and order issued.
1567..... Apr. 28.	In the matter of application of H. V. Jones, owner of the Bucklin Electric Light Company, and Harry A. Spradling of Marcelline, Mo., for approval by the Public Service Commission of the sale and transfer of the said Bucklin Electric Light Company, its franchises, properties and appurtenances from the said H. V. Jones to the said Harry A. Spradling.	Transfer of Bucklin Electric Light Company.	5-8-18. Granted and order issued.

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1568..... Apr. 29.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the St. Joseph Ry., Light, Heat and Power Co. for commercial lighting service at St. Joseph, Mo., and valuation.	Suspension of lighting rates at St. Joseph.	6-4-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1569..... Apr. 30.	In the matter of application of the Jefferson City Light, Heat and Power Company for an order increasing its gas and electric rates.	For increased electric and gas rates.	7-29-18. Report adopted and order issued for withdrawal of increased electric rates; increased gas rates permitted for one year.
1570..... May 14.	In the matter of application of the Water, Light and Transit Company at Carrollton, Mo., for permission to increase its rates for electric service.	For increased electric rates.	5-14-18. Increased rates permitted for one year.
1571..... May 15.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of The Home Light and Water Co. at Ste. Genevieve, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	7-5-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1572..... May 15.	In the matter of suspension of water rates and charges of The Home Light and Water Co. at Ste. Genevieve, Mo.	Suspension of water rates.	7-5-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1573..... May 17.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Jefferson City Light, Heat and Power Co. for gas service at Jefferson City, Mo.	Suspension of gas rates.	7-29-18. Report adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1574..... May 17.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Jefferson City Light, Heat and Power Co. for electric service at Jefferson City, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	7-29-18. Report adopted; order issued requiring withdrawal of electric rates and permitting increased gas rates for one year.
1575..... May 20.	In the matter of application of the City of Rich Hill, Mo., for permission to increase the rates for electricity to consumers of electricity for residence, business and power purposes.	Increased electric rates.	6-18-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1577..... May 18.	In the matter of suspension of rules and regulations of the LaPlata Light, Heat and Ice Company at LaPlata, Mo.	Suspension of electric rules and regulations.	5-28-18. Suspension vacated and changes permitted.
1582..... May 24.	In the matter of suspension of rates of Advance Telephone Company for its exchanges at Advance, Marble Hill and Puxico.	Suspension of telephone rates at Advance, Marble Hill and Puxico.	8-14-18. Granted and order issued permitting increased rates.

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1583. May 24.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for its exchange at Chillicothe, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates at Chillicothe.	_____.
1584. May 26.	In the matter of application of the City of Oran, Scott county, Mo., for an order of consent for the Missouri Pacific R. R. Co., a corporation, to open and improve Poplar street in said city over and across the right-of-way and track of said Missouri Pacific R. R.	Application for street crossing at grade in Oran, Mo.	_____.
1589. May 28.	In the matter of application of Road District No. 9, Carter county, State of Missouri, for order for railroad crossing over tracks of St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co.	Crossing of Frisco Ry. in Carter county.	8-16-18. Order issued permitting crossing.
1590. May 28.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Pilot Grove Independent Telephone Company for its exchange at Pilot Grove, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	8-15-18. Report adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1591. May 28.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for its exchange at Charleston, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	9-13-18. Report Com'r Blair adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1592. May 28.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Buftum Telephone Company for its exchange at Bowling Green, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	11-9-18. Report by Com'r Blair adopted; order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1593. May 28.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Buftum Telephone Company for its exchange at Elsberry, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	8-23-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1594. May 29.	In the matter of application of the Missouri Heat Light and Power Company to justify proposed increase of heat rates as provided under Sec. 70 of the Public Service Commission Law.	For increased heating rates at Kirksville and suspension thereof.	8-23-18. Report Chr. Busby adopted; order issued permitting certain increased rates for one year.
1595. May 29.	In the matter of application of the Adair County Light Power and Ice Co. to justify proposed increase of electric rates as provided for under Sec. 70 of the Public Service Commission Law.	For increased electric rates at Kirksville and suspension thereof.	8-21-18. Report Chr. Busby adopted; order issued permitting certain increased rates for one year.
1601. May 31.	In the matter of application of Frederick H. Kerner to exercise a franchise and permission granted by the town of Wyaconda, Mo.	For electric plant at Wyaconda.	5-31-18. Granted and order issued.

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1602..... May 31.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Home Electric Company at New Franklin, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at New Franklin.	6-18-18. Order issued vacating suspension, company having withdrawn schedule.
1603..... May 31.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the King City Telephone Exchange at King City, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates at King City, Mo.	10-17-18. Report by Chr. Busby adopted; order issued setting aside suspension and permitting rates for one year.
1604..... June 3.	In the matter of the application of Jno. W. Poindester and Simmons Electric Co. for an order authorizing the sale of the Electric light plant at Prairie Home, Mo. by Simmons Electric Co. to Jno. W. Poindester.	Transfer of electric plant at Prairie Home.	6-11-18. Application granted and order issued.
1606..... June 7.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at St. Louis, Mo., for electric service.	Suspension of electric rates in St. Louis.	7-29-18. Order issued vacating suspension.
1607..... June 7.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at Perryville, Mo. for electric service.	Suspension of electric rates for Perryville.	10-15-18. Report of Commission adopted; order issued permitting new rates for one year.
1609..... June 10.	Application of The Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Dade county, Missouri by T. R. Courtney its president for physical connection of its telephone system, with that of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.	Physical connection of telephone companies.	7-9-18. Application satisfied and case closed.
1610..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of rates and charges of the City Electric Company at Cole Camp, Mo., for electric service.	Suspension of electric rates at Cole Camp.	9-10-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1611..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Mexico Power Company at Mexico, Mo.—City of Mexico, Intervener.	Suspension of electric rates at Mexico.	_____.
1612..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of proposed gas rates and charges of the Mexico Power Company at Mexico, Mo.—City of Mexico, Intervener.	Suspension of gas rates at Mexico.	_____.
1613..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of proposed water rates and charges of the Mexico Power Company at Mexico, Mo.—City of Mexico, Intervener.	Suspension of water rates at Mexico.	_____.



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1614..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of proposed heating rates and charges of the Mexico Power Co. at Mexico, Mo.—City of Mexico, Intervener.	Suspension of heating rates at Mexico.	_____.
1615..... June 11.	In the matter of application of Kansas City Light and Power Company for increase in rates for electrical current and steam heat.—City of Kansas City et al., Interveners.	For increased electrical and steam heat rates and suspension.	8-13-18. Report adopted; order issued permitting increase in electrical rates but no increase in heating rates.
1616..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Cape Girardeau.	_____.
1617..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of gas rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Suspension of gas rates at Cape Girardeau.	11-25-18. Report by Com'r Bean adopted; order issued requiring company to withdraw schedule of gas rates.
1618..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of water rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Suspension of water rates at Cape Girardeau.	_____.
1619..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Chaffee, Fornielt, Illmo, Morley and Oran, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Chaffee, Fornielt, Illmo, Morley and Oran.	_____.
1620..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Charleston, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Charleston, Mo.	11-1-18. Report by Commission adopted; preliminary order issued permitting rates for temporary relief.
1621..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Dexter, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Dexter.	_____.
1622..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Dudley, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Dudley.	_____.
1623..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at East Prairie, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at East Prairie.	_____.
1624..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Fisk, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Fisk.	_____.

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1625..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Morehouse, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Morehouse.	_____.
1626..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Poplar Bluff.	Suspension of electric rates at Poplar Bluff.	_____.
1627..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Bonne Terre, Elvins, Rivermines and St. Francois county, including Flat River, Desloge, St. Francois and Leadwood, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Bonne Terre, Elvins, Rivermines and St. Francois county, including Flat River, Desloge, St. Francois and Leadwood.	_____.
1628..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Silkeston, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Silkeston.	11-13-18. Report by Commission adopted; order issued permitting increased emergency relief rates named therein until further ordered.
1629..... June 11.	In the matter of suspension of water rates and charges of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Webb City and Cartersville, Mo.	Suspension of water rates at Webb City and Cartersville.	_____.
1631..... June 12.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Kelso Telephone Company, Fornfelt, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates at Fornfelt.	8-21-18. Order issued permitting certain rates for one year.
1632..... June 13.	In the matter of the application of Harold P. Dyer and John Beetner, Jr., for permission to buy and sell the Adrian Light and Power Company.	Transfer of electric plant at Adrian.	6-18-18. Granted and order issued.
1633..... June 13.	Application of Harold P. Dyer, sole owner of the Adrian Light and Power Company for permission to transfer all of its property, franchises, and contracts to the Green Light and Power Company of Pleasant Hill, Mo.	Transfer of electric plant at Adrian.	6-18-18. Granted and order issued.
1634..... June 14.	In the matter of suspension of proposed "War Emergency Surcharge" to apply on the electric rates and charges of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at Perryville, Mo.	Suspension of "War Emergency Surcharge" on electric rates at Perryville.	10-15-18. Report of Commission adopted; order issued permitting new rates for one year.

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1635..... June 14.	In the matter of suspension of the proposed electric rates and charges of the American Light and Power Company at St. Charles, Mo.—City of St. Charles et al., Interveners.	Suspension of electric rates at St. Charles.	10-12-18. Report of Com'r. Filed adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1636..... June 15.	In the matter of the petition of the City of Joplin for permission and authority for the construction of grade crossings over tracks of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co. on Byers avenue between Tenth and Thirteenth streets in the City of Joplin.	For grade crossing in Joplin over tracks of Frisco Ry.	_____.
1637..... June 16.	In the matter of petition of the City of Joplin for permission and authority for the construction of grade crossings over tracks of Missouri Pacific R. Co. on Byers avenue between Tenth and Thirteenth streets in the City of Joplin, Mo.	For grade crossing in Joplin over tracks of Missouri Pacific.	_____.
1638..... June 17.	In the matter of suspension and investigation of tariffs withdrawing the sale of tickets at 44c. each by the Springfield Traction Company of Springfield, Mo.	Suspension of withdrawal of 44c. tickets of Springfield Traction Company.	7-27-18. Report Com'r. Filed adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1639..... June 18.	Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for permission to sell and M. D. Harrison to buy certain telephone property and franchises at Koshkonong, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates in unincorporated districts of St. Charles county, Missouri.	10-12-18. Order issued vacating suspension.
1640..... June 18.	In the matter of suspension of proposed increase of water rates and charges of the Warrensburg & Pestic Springs Water Works Company at Warrensburg, Mo.	Suspension of water rates at Warrensburg.	10-1-18. Report by Com'r. Filed adopted; order issued abolishing flat rate after January 1, 1919; other rates to be in force for one year, ending October 10, 1919.
1641..... June 19.	Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for permission to sell and M. D. Harrison to buy certain telephone property and franchises at Koshkonong, Mo.	Transfer of telephone property and franchises at Koshkonong.	6-19-18. Application granted and order issued.
1642..... June 19.	In the matter of application of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (New York) and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Missouri, and the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, a corporation under the laws of Missouri, for permission to enter into an agreement for the leasing of long distance telephone lines and circuits in the State of Missouri.	For lease of long distance telephone lines and circuits in Missouri.	6-25-18. Application granted and order issued.

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1643..... June 19.	In the matter of suspension and investigation of the tariffs covering express charges of the St. Louis Express Company.	Suspension of express charges.	8-16-18. Findings by Com'r Flad adopted; order issued.
1645..... June 24.	Application of J. L. Shotwell and Laddonia Electric Co. for order authorizing J. L. Shotwell to sell, transfer and deliver to Laddonia Electric Co., and said Laddonia Electric Company to purchase, own and operate all franchises, contracts and property of the electric light plant now owned by J. L. Shotwell at Laddonia.	Transfer and sale of electric plant at Laddonia.	6-25-18. Granted and order issued.
1646..... June 24.	In the matter of application of Independence Waterworks Co., a corporation, for an order permitting and approving the exercise of the rights, privileges and franchise granted to it by the City of Independence, Mo.	For order approving exercise of rights, privileges, etc.	6-28-18. Application granted and order issued.
1647..... June 24.	In the matter of the application of F. L. Smiley to exercise a franchise and permission granted by the county of Livingston, Missouri, to erect and maintain a transmission line through certain portions of said county into and through the town of Wheeling, Mo.	For transmission line through Livingston county.	6-25-18. Application granted and order issued.
1649..... June 25.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the West Plains Telephone Company at its exchange in West Plains, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	10-1-18. Report of Commission adopted; order issued withdrawing rates and requiring other rates to be filed.
1650..... June 25.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Farmers & Merchants Telephone Company at Odessa, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
1651..... June 25.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for its exchange at Aurora, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	11-26-18. Supplemental Report by Commission adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1652..... June 25.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Edgerton Electric Light and Power Company.	Suspension of electric rates.	8-1-18. Report of Chr. Busby adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1653..... June 27.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the St. Charles Light and Power Company at St. Charles, Mo.—City of St. Charles, Intervener.	Suspension of electric rates.	10-12-18. Report of Com'r Flad adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.

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1654..... June 28.	In the matter of suspension of toll rates of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at certain points.	Suspension of toll rates.	7-10-18. Order issued vacating suspension and permitting proposed toll rates to be effective.
1655..... June 28.	In the matter of application of Kearney Telephone Company, for permission to establish new toll rates.	For increased toll rates.	8-26-18. Order issued permitting new rates to be effective for one year.
1656..... June 28.	In the matter of suspension of proposed gas rates and charges of the Kirkville Gas, Heat and Electric Co. at Kirkville, Mo.	Suspension of gas rates.	7-3-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1658..... June 29.	In the matter of application of Caruthersville & Kennett Electric Light and Power Company at Caruthersville, Mo., for permission to increase its rates for electric service in said city.	For increased electric rates.	6-29-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1659..... June 29.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Capital Telephone Company, Jefferson City, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
1661..... July 2.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Union Electric Light and Power Co. in territory in Perry county, Missouri, lying in townships of Central, Cinque Homme and Union (outside city of Perryville).	Suspension of electric rates.	10-15-18. *Report of Commission adopted; order issued permitting new rates for one year.
1662..... July 3.	Application of City Light and Traction Company of Sedalia, Mo., for increase in rates for gas service.—City of Sedalia, Inter-venor.	Increase in gas rates.	9-13-18. Report Com'r Simpson adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1663..... July 5.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Bunceton Light and Fuel Co.	Suspension of electric rates.	9-24-18. Report Com'r Simpson adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1664..... July 5.	Application of Wessel Telephone Exchange of New Haven, Mo., the Baltimore Telephone Line subscribers (Class "D"), and the Bridge Telephone Line subscribers (Class "D"), of New Haven, Mo., for permission and order authorizing sale of said lines to the subscribers thereon, respectively.	Transfer of certain telephone property.	7-5-18. Application granted and order issued.
1665..... July 6.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the City of Columbia, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.

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1666..... July 8.	In the matter of application of Joplin & Pittsburg Ry. Co. for increased freight rates.	Application for increased freight rates.	_____.
1667..... July 8.	In the matter of application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for permission to file and put in force a new schedule of toll rates in the State of Missouri, applying generally.	General increase in toll rates.	8-19-18. Order issued permitting increased rates until close of war.
1668..... July 9.	In the matter of application of the Manufacturers Ry. Co. of St. Louis, and the Fred Medart Mfg. Co., also of St. Louis, for permission to construct an industry spur track to serve the premises of the Fred Medart Mfg. Co.	For spur track to industry and grade crossing.	8-2-18. Report Com'r. Filed adopted; order issued permitting construction of track and grade crossing.
1670..... July 11.	In the matter of suspension of gas rates and charges of the St. Louis County Gas Company for all territory served by said company.	Suspension of gas rates in St. Louis county.	8-28-18. Order issued making suspension permanent, but permitting certain rates for four months.
1671..... July 13.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates and charges of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at Festus, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates and charges.	_____.
1672..... July 16.	In the matter of application of the Brookfield Gas, Electric and Heating Company of Brookfield, Mo., for permission to put into effect new gas rate schedule.	For increased gas rates.	11-25-18. Report by Com'r. Filed adopted; order issued permitting increased gas rates for one year.
1673..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of proposed gas rates and charges of the Laclede Gas Light Company at St. Louis, Mo.	Suspension of gas rates.	_____.
1674..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.
1675..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of gas rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Suspension of gas rates.	11-25-18. Report by Com'r. Bean adopted; order issued requiring company to withdraw schedule of gas rates.
1676..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of water rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Suspension of water rates.	_____.
1677..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Farmdale, Illinois, Morley and Oran, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.

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1678..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Charleston, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	11-1-18. Report by Commission adopted; preliminary order issued permitting rates for temporary relief.
1679..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Dexter, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____
1680..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Dudley, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____
1681..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at East Prairie, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____
1682..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Fisk, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____
1683..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Morehouse, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____
1684..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Poplar Bluff, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____
1685..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Bonne Terre, Elvins, Rivermines and St. Francois county, including Fiat River, Dealogue, St. Francols and Leadwood, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____
1686..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of electric rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Silkeston, Mo	Suspension of electric rates.	11-12-18. Report by Commission adopted; order issued permitting increased emergency relief rates named therein until further ordered.
1687..... July 17.	In the matter of suspension of water rates of the Missouri Public Utilities Company at Webb City and Cartersville, Mo.	Suspension of water rates.	_____
1690..... July 19.	Application of the North Side Telephone Company of Parkville, Mo. and C. F. Minner of Farley, Mo., for authority to sell the Farley Exchange of the North Side Telephone Company to C. F. Minnear.	Transfer of Farley telephone property.	7-19-18. Application granted and order issued.

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1691..... July 26.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Moore Bros. Electric Light and Power Company at Green City, Green Castle and Henley Ranch, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.
1693..... July 29.	In the matter of the application of the Kansas City Long Distance Telephone Company to increase rates at Excelsior Springs, Mo.	For increased telephone rates.	7-29-18. Order issued permitting increased telephone rates for one year.
1694..... July 30.	In the matter of application of Ray McMinds, owner of the Mountain View Electric Light and Power Company for permission to sell and transfer such property to M. L. Landrum.	Transfer of electric plant.	7-30-18. Application granted and order issued.
1695..... July 31.	In the matter of suspension of toll rates of the Pattonsburg Home Telephone Company at Pattonsburg, Mo.	Suspension of toll rates.	11-26-18. Report by Commission adopted; order issued requiring company to cancel its P. S. C. Mo. No. 2, on or before November 28, 1918.
1696..... July 31.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the West Lawn Mutual Telephone Company at Leeton, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	11-29-18. Order issued annulling 25c charge for switching Post Oak Telephone System.
1697..... July 31.	In the matter of suspension of rates, charges and regulations of the Missouri Union Telephone Company for its exchanges at Clinton, Windsor, Mountrose, Deepwater and Ulrich, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates, charges and regulations.	_____.
1699..... July 31.	In the matter of application of the Holt Telephone Company, Holt, Mo., to increase rates and suspension of same.	Suspension of telephone rates, charges and regulations.	8-28-18. Order issued permitting certain rates for one year.
1700..... July 26.	In the matter of suspension of proposed rates and charges for steam heating of the St. Joseph Railway Light, Heat and Power Company at St. Joseph, Mo.	Suspension of heating rates.	9-7-18. Order issued vacating suspension, pending appraisal and audit by Commission.
1701..... July 31.	In the matter of application of Carthage Water and Electric Plant at Carthage, Mo., for permission to increase the rates for electric service to commercial and power consumers.	Increased electric rates to commercial and power consumers.	7-31-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.



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1703..... Aug. 2.	Application of the Economy Steam Heating and Electric Company of Sedalia, Mo., for increase in rate for steam heating purposes.—City of Sedalia, Chamber of Commerce and Associated Customers, Interveners.	Increase in steam heating rates.	11-9-18. Report by Com'r filed adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1704..... Aug. 5.	In the matter of application of Texas County Telephone Co. for permission authorizing the purchase by it of the Licking Telephone Company.	Transfer of Licking Telephone property.	8-5-18. Application granted and order issued.
1705..... Aug. 5.	In the matter of application of G. A. Van-nice of Osceola, Mo., to sell and L. T. Heaton of Hannibal, Mo., to buy the Weaubleau Telephone Exchange located at Weaubleau, Mo.	Transfer of Weaubleau Telephone property.	8-5-18. Application granted and order issued.
1706..... Aug. 7.	Application of the town of Bates City, Mo., a municipal corporation, by and through its mayor, W. S. Strude, for an order recording and requiring the C. & A. R. R. Co. to construct a crossing over its tracks and right of way on Second street in said town.	For crossing over C. & A. tracks.	_____.
1707..... Aug. 9.	In the matter of application of Citizens Gas Company of Hannibal for permission to increase charges.—City of Hannibal, Intervener.	For increase of gas rates.	_____.
1709..... Aug. 10.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Cupples Station Light, Heat and Power Company, for the city of St. Louis, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates and charges.	8-19-18. Order issued vacating suspension.
1710..... Aug. 13.	In the matter of application of The Alton-Slater Water Co. to sell and E. J. Merkle to purchase all the assets, machinery, fixtures, pipe-line, electric line, franchises, contracts, real estate, improvements and all property of every kind and character, of the said Alton-Slater Water Co.	Transfer of water plant.	9-13-18. Application granted and order issued.

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1711..... Aug. 13.	In the matter of application of E. J. Merkle and Saline Water and Power Co., a corporation organized under the laws of Missouri, for an order authorizing the sale and transfer of the water plant of said E. J. Merkle located in the county of Saline, State of Missouri, comprising water-works plant and pipe line used to supply the City of Slater and C. & A. R. R. Co. with water at Slater, to said Saline Water and Power Co.	Transfer of water plant, etc.	9-13-18. Application granted and order issued.
1714..... Aug. 14.	In the matter of the fares and tickets for soldiers, sailors, marines and other persons in active service of the United States.	For reduced fares on United Railways Co.	_____.
1715..... Aug. 15.	In the matter of the application of the United States Fuel Administration for Missouri, for an order permitting the application of the "Skip-stop" schedules upon the street railway systems of the cities of St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Joplin and Springfield, Mo.	For "Skip-stop" schedule on street railways.	9-16-18. Order issued approving reports of committees.
1716..... Aug. 15.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Missouri Electric, Gas and Water Company at Calnesville, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	10-28-18. Report by Commission adopted; order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1718..... Aug. 19.	Application of J. F. Davenport to sell and of W. P. Misener to buy the Ash Grove Telephone Company located at Ash Grove, Mo., including all rural lines extending from Ash Grove into the counties of Greene, Dade and Lawrence.	Transfer of telephone plant.	8-24-18. Application granted and order issued.
1719..... Aug. 12.	In the matter of suspension of proposed "Emergency Surcharge for Increased Wages and Taxes" of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at St. Louis, Desoto, Pacific, St. Charles, Washington, Union and Festus, Mo., and in St. Louis county, Mo.	For emergency surcharge on electric rates, etc.	10-16-18. Schedules withdrawn and case dismissed at request of company.
1720..... Aug. 21.	Application of Wabash Railway Company for order authorizing it to amend its tariffs, rules and regulations, relating to storage of explosives and other dangerous articles.	Storage of explosives, etc.	_____.

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1722..... Aug. 24.	In re petition of St. Louis & Jennings Railway Company of St. Louis county for increase of revenue.	For increase in revenue.	—.
1724..... Aug. 28.	In the matter of application of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for permission to place telephone service in Stoddard county on a message toll basis which service is now furnished free and on flat rate basis from this company's exchanges at Bloomfield, Dexter and Essex, and suspension of same.	Suspension of message toll service in Stoddard county.	—.
1725..... Aug. 25.	In the matter of the application of the Advance Telephone Company to establish rates for telephone service between Advance, Leora, Puxico, Bloomfield, Dexter, Essex and Bernie, Mo., and the suspension of same.	Suspension of rates of Advance Telephone Company.	—.
1726..... Aug. 28.	In the matter of application of Boonville Telephone Company to increase rates for telephone service at Boonville, Mo., and suspension of same.	Suspension of telephone rates at Boonville.	—.
1727..... Aug. 28.	In the matter of application of Walnut Grove Telephone Company to increase rates for telephone service at Walnut Grove, and the suspension of same.	Suspension of telephone rates at Walnut Grove.	11-27-18. Report by Com'r Blair adopted; order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1728..... Aug. 28.	In the matter of application of Ash Grove Telephone Company to increase rates for telephone service at Ash Grove, Mo., and the suspension of same.	Suspension of telephone rates at Ash Grove.	—.
1729..... Aug. 28.	In the matter of application of Oak Grove Home Telephone Company to increase rates for various classes of telephone service at Oak Grove, Mo.	For increased telephone rates at Oak Grove.	8-28-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1730..... Aug. 28.	In the matter of application of Houstonia Telephone Exchange to increase rates for various classes of telephone service at Houstonia, Mo.	For increased telephone rates at Houstonia.	8-28-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1731..... Aug. 31.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Owensville Electric Light Company at Owensville, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	11-25-18. Report by Com'r Flad adopted; order issued permitting increased rates for one year.

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1732 ..... Aug. 31.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Ava Electric Light Company at Ava, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.
1733 ..... Aug. 31.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric and gas rates and charges of the Louisiana Light, Power and Traction Company at Louisiana, Mo.	Suspension of electric and gas rates.	10-29-18. Report by Com'r Simpson adopted; order issued vacating suspension and permitting increased rates for one year.
1734 ..... Aug. 31.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at St. Louis, Mo.	Suspension of cumulative and increment power rates at St. Louis, Mo.	10-7-18. Report of Chr. Busby adopted; order issued setting aside suspension.
1735 ..... Sept. 3.	In the matter of application of the Hannibal Railway and Electric Company for an order and authority to increase fares.	For increased street railway fares at Hannibal, Mo.	_____.
1736 ..... Sept. 4.	In re petition of United Railways Company of St. Louis. Application for order authorizing an increase of fares on petitioner's lines in the county of St. Louis.	For increased street railway fares in St. Louis county.	_____.
1737 ..... Sept. 4.	In re petition of Missouri Electric Railroad Company. Application for order authorizing an increase of fares (St. Charles line in St. Louis and St. Charles counties.)	For increased street railway fares in St. Louis and St. Charles counties.	_____.
1738 ..... Aug. 19.	In the matter of the application of the Excelsior Springs Water, Gas and Electric Company, a corporation, for order authorizing an increase in rates charged for electricity, gas, water and steam heat, and to change certain rules governing the furnishing of said service.	Application for increased rates for electric gas, water and steam heat and to change rules governing such service.	8-19-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1739 ..... Sept. 4.	In the matter of the application of the Lewistown Electric Light and Milling Company at Lewistown, Mo., for permission to increase its rates for electric service.	For increased electric rates at Lewistown.	9-4-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1740 ..... Sept. 4.	In the matter of application of the Altenburg Light and Power Company at Altenburg, Mo., for permission to increase its rates and charges for commercial lighting and power service.	For increased rates for commercial lighting and power service at Altenburg, Mo.	9-4-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.

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1741..... Sept. 4.	In the matter of suspension of proposed rates and charges applying to "customers premises complaints," of The St. Louis County Gas Company, St. Louis county, Missouri.	Suspension of rates and charges applying to "customers premises complaints."	_____
1742..... Sept. 3.	Application of Green Light and Power Company for approval of lease with the City of Harrisonville, Mo.	Approval of lease of electric plant of City of Harrisonville to Green Light and Power Company.	9-3-18. Application granted and order issued.
1743..... Sept. 5.	In the matter of application of H. B. Anderson, Jerome Thomas, Samantha B. Hawks and Sam Curd for an order authorizing the construction of a public road crossing over the right of way of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co., a corporation.	For grade crossing over Frisco tracks in Stoddard county.	11-16-18. Report by Chr. Busby adopted; order issued permitting crossing to be built.
1744..... Sept. 6.	In the matter of suspension of proposed withdrawal and cancellation of certain increment rates designated as (B) Power II, of the Union Electric Light and Power Company, applying to electrical service at Pacific, Mo.	Suspension of certain increment rates at Pacific, Mo.	10-7-18. Order issued vacating suspension.
1745..... Sept. 6.	In the matter of suspension of proposed withdrawal and cancellation of certain increment rates designated as (B) Power II, of the Union Electric Light and Power Company, applying to electrical service in St. Louis county, urban district, Missouri.	Suspension of certain increment rates in St. Louis county.	10-7-18. Order issued vacating suspension.
1746..... Sept. 6.	In the matter of suspension of proposed withdrawal and cancellation of certain increment rates designated as (B) Power II, of the Union Electric Light and Power Company, applying to electrical service in St. Louis county, suburban district, Missouri.	Suspension of certain increment rates in St. Louis county.	10-7-18. Order issued vacating suspension.
1747..... Sept. 6.	In the matter of suspension of proposed withdrawal and cancellation of certain increment rates designated as (B) under increment rates for power of the Union Electric Light and Power Company, applying to electrical service in St. Louis county, rural district, Missouri.	Suspension of certain increment rates in St. Louis county.	10-7-18. Order issued vacating suspension.

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1748..... Sept. 7.	In the matter of the application of the Shelby Water and Light Plant, Shelby, Mo., for permission to increase the rates for electric service to its consumers.	For increased electric rates at Shelby.	9-7-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1751..... Sept. 10.	In the matter of the application of the City Water Company of Sedalia, for an order authorizing an increase of its rates.	For increased water rates at Sedalia.	_____.
1752..... Sept. 10.	In the matter of suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Golden City Electric Light Plant at Golden City, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates at Golden City.	_____.
1753..... Sept. 11.	In the matter of suspension of proposed "emergency surcharge for increased wages and taxes," of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at Pacific, Mo.	Suspension of emergency surcharge on electric rates at Pacific.	10-10-18. Schedule withdrawn, case dismissed at request of company.
1754..... Sept. 11.	In the matter of suspension of proposed "emergency surcharge for increased wages and taxes," of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at St. Charles, Mo.	Suspension of emergency surcharge on electric rates at St. Charles.	10-19-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1755..... Sept. 11.	In the matter of suspension of proposed "emergency surcharge for increased wages and taxes," of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at Washington, Mo.	Suspension of emergency surcharge on electric rates at Washington.	10-19-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1756..... Sept. 11.	In the matter of suspension of proposed "emergency surcharge for increased wages and taxes," of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at Union, Mo.	Suspension of emergency surcharge on electric rates at Union.	10-19-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1757..... Sept. 11.	In the matter of suspension of proposed "emergency surcharge for increased wages and taxes," of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at Festus, Mo.	Suspension of emergency surcharge on electric rates at Festus.	10-19-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1758..... Sept. 11.	In the matter of suspension of proposed "emergency surcharge for increased wages and taxes," of the Union Electric Light and Power Company in St. Louis county, Missouri.	Suspension of emergency surcharge on electric rates in St. Louis county.	10-19-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1759..... Sept. 13.	In the matter of application of the Mexico Power Company for temporary authority to put into effect increased rates for electricity, gas, steam-heating and water.	For increased electric, gas, steam-heating and water rates at Mexico.	9-23-18. Temporary order issued permitting increased rates.

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1760..... Sept. 13.	In the matter of application of St. Francois County Railroad Company for permission to put in force 54-ride commutation fares, limited to 30 days from date of sale, between points named in said application.	For 54-ride commutation fares on St. Francois County R. R.	10-22-18. Report by Com'r Bean adopted; order issued allowing commutation tickets.
1761..... Sept. 14.	In the matter of suspension of proposed changes in rates and charges for certain electric service of the Missouri Valley Light and Power Company at Eldorado Springs, Mo.	Suspension of certain electric rates.	_____.
1762..... Sept. 17.	In the matter of suspension of proposed rates and charges for light and power supplied to the Springfield City Water Company by the Springfield Gas and Electric Company at Springfield, Mo.	Suspension of certain electric rates and charges at Springfield.	_____.
1764..... Sept. 20.	Application of United Railways Company of St. Louis for an order permitting it to change the route of the Union Line cars.	For permission to reroute Union Line cars.	_____.
1765..... Sept. 21.	In the matter of application of John S. Heavenridge for an order authorizing the sale of the electric plant at Lewistown, Mo., by said John S. Heavenridge to Henry H. Bronson.	For transfer of electric plant.	10-11-18. Application granted and order issued.
1766..... Sept. 21.	In the matter of application of the City of Holden, Mo., to sell its electric plant and of the Green Light and Power Company to purchase same.	For transfer of electric plant.	9-23-18. Application granted and order issued.
1767..... Sept. 23.	In the matter of application of The Empire District Electric Company and City of Joplin for approval of a special contract between said parties for the furnishing of electric service by said company to said city.	For approval of electric service contract at Joplin, Mo.	9-24-18. Application granted and order issued.
1768..... Sept. 24.	In the matter of application of the Kansas City Long Distance Telephone Company for permission to file and put in force a new schedule of toll rates in the State of Missouri.	For permission to put in new toll rates.	9-24-18. Application granted and order issued.
1769..... Sept. 25.	In the matter of application of the Marshfield Electric Company for permission to suspend operation temporarily.	For permission to temporarily suspend operation.	_____.

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1770..... Sept. 25.	In the matter of the application of the Lamar Water & Electric Plant at Lamar, Missouri for permission to increase the rates for electric lighting and power service to its consumers.	For increased electric rates at Lamar.	9-25-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1771..... Sept. 25.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Smithville Electric Light Co. at Smithville, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates and charges.	_____.
1772..... Sept. 25.	In the matter of the suspension of rates and charges and rules of the Edina Light Company at Edina, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates, charges and rules.	_____.
1773..... Sept. 25.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Campbell Electric Light & Power Company at Campbell, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates and charges.	_____.
1774..... Sept. 25.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Hamilton Light & Power Co. at Hamilton, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates and charges.	11-25-18. Report by Com'r Flad adopted; order issued providing for increased rates for one year.
1775..... Sept. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for its exchange at Bismarck, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
1776..... Sept. 26.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for its exchange at Monett, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
1777..... Sept. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of the Appleton City Telephone Co., for its exchange at Appleton City, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
1778..... Sept. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of the Independent Telephone Co., for its exchange at Breckenridge, Mooresville and Uaca, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	10-14-18. Supplemental Order No. 2 issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1779..... Sept. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for its exchange at St. Clair, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
1780..... Sept. 26.	In the matter of suspension of rates of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for its exchange at Eureka, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.



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1781..... Sept. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of the Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Mo., for its exchanges at Higginsville, Mayview and Corder, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
1782..... Sept. 27.	In the matter of the application of Calhoun Electric Light Company at Calhoun, Mo., for permission to increase its rates for electric service.	For increased electric rates.	9-27-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1784..... Sept. 27.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed steam heating rates and charges of the Springfield Gas & Electric Co., at Springfield, Mo.	Suspension of steam heating rates.	_____.
1785..... Sept. 27.	In the matter of the application of the Cameron Electric Light Department of the City of Cameron, Mo., for permission to increase rates for electric service to its consumers.	Application for increased electric rates.	9-27-18. Order issued granting increased rates for one year.
1786..... Sept. 27.	In the matter of the application of the Missouri Gas & Electric Service Company to add a "Coal Clause" to its schedules applying to retail power rates for Camden, Hardin, Henrietta, Orrick and Richmond, Mo.	For "Coal Clause" to electric schedules.	9-27-18. Order issued granting increased rates for one year.
1787..... Sept. 26.	In the matter of the application of the Humansville Telephone Company to increase rates for various classes of telephone service at Weaubleau, Mo.	For increased telephone rates.	9-26-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1788..... Sept. 26.	In the matter of the application of the White Oak Telephone Company to increase rates for various classes of telephone service at Lone Jack, Mo.	For increased telephone rates.	9-26-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1789..... Sept. 26.	In the matter of the application of the Linneus Rural Telephone Company to increase rates for various classes of telephone service at Linneus, Mo.	For increased telephone rates.	9-26-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1790..... Sept. 28.	Application of D. C. Intelmann to sell and H. B. Harms to buy the interest of said Intelmann in the City Electric Company at Cole Camp, Mo.	For transfer of part of property.	9-28-18. Application granted and order issued.

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1791..... Sept. 28.	Application of H. B. Harms to sell and A. J. Grammam to buy the interest of said Harms in the City Electric Company at Cole Camp, Mo.	For transfer of City Electric Co.	9-28-18. Application granted and order issued.
1792..... Oct. 2.	In the matter of the application of the Windsor Light & Power Company at Windsor, Mo., to increase its rates for electric service.	For increased electric rates.	10-2-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1793..... Oct. 5.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed gas rates and charges of the St. Joseph Gas Company at St. Joseph, Mo.	Suspension of gas rates.	_____.
1795..... Oct. 9.	In the matter of the application of the Green Light & Power Company for permission to build a high tension electric line to connect the city of Holden, Mo., to their power plant at Pleasant Hill, Mo., and also for stub line for connecting up the town of Kingsville, Mo.	Application for transmission line.	10-15-18. Application granted and order issued.
1797..... Oct. 10.	In the matter of the application of Parkville Oil and Gas Company, a corporation, for permission to dismantle and sell the property and plant used for and in connection with the sale and transportation of gas in and to the City of Parkville, Mo.	For permission to dismantle and sell gas plant.	11-29-18. Report by Chas. Busby adopted; order issued permitting applicant to dismantle and sell its gas plant, after December 15, 1918.
1799..... Oct. 12.	In the matter of the application of R. R. Howard for order authorizing sale of Bourbon Telephone System and Bourbon Electric Light Plant to August Schlafier	For transfer of telephone and electric property.	10-12-18. Application granted and order issued.
1800..... Oct. 15.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of the Platte City Electric Light & Power Company at Platte City, Mo.	For suspension of electric rates.	10-18-18. Order issued vacating suspension.
1801..... Oct. 16.	In the matter of the application of Harry Bridwell of Northview, Mo., for elimination of dangerous crossing of St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co. in Sec. 26, Township 30, Range 19 of Webster Co., Mo., and for establishment of grade crossing over said tracks in Sec. 25, Township 30, Range 19, in said County.	For grade crossings over Frisco Ry. Co.	11-11-18. Order issued providing for crossing.

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1803 Oct. 17.	In the matter of the application of The Puxico Milling Light & Water Company, for an order authorizing the sale of one-fifth interest in the electric plant at Puxico, Mo., to C. L. Bennett.	Sale of interest in electric plant.	10-17-18. Application granted and order issued.
1804 Oct. 17.	In the matter of the application of the Bank of Puxico by J. A. Hickman, President, for an order authorizing the sale of the electric plant at Puxico, Mo., to J. A. Bilbro, owner of the Puxico Milling Light & Water Co.	Transfer of electric plant.	10-17-18. Application granted and order issued.
1805 Oct. 18.	In the matter of the extension of transmission lines for transmitting electrical current from Sumner, Chariton County, Mo., to Forker in Linn County, Mo., and vicinity by the Sumner Electric Company.	For tran mission line.	_____.
1807 Oct. 21.	In the matter of the application of L. E. Thrupp, County Highway Engineer, for public road crossing over track and right of way of St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co. in Pemiscot County, Mo.	For grade crossing over Frisco tracks.	_____.
1808 Oct. 21.	In the matter of the application of Saline Water & Power Company for increase in water rates at Slater, Mo.	For increased water rates.	_____.
1809 Oct. 21.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed gas rates and charges of the Springfield Gas & Electric Company at Springfield, Mo.	Suspension of gas rates.	_____.
1810 Oct. 23.	In the matter of the suspension of the rates of the Bosworth Telephone Company for its exchange at Bosworth, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
1811 Oct. 23.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of New Madrid Light & Power Company at New Madrid, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.
1813 Oct. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of Rutledge Electric Light Company at Rutledge, Mo.	Suspension of electric rates.	_____.

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1814..... Oct. 29.	In the matter of the application of Lockwood Light Company, (H. Hauben Estate, Owners), at Lockwood, Mo. for permission to increase the rates for Electric service to its consumers.	Application for increased electric rates.	10-29-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1815..... Oct. 29.	In the matter of the application of Greenfield Electric Light & Power Company at Greenfield, Mo., for permission to increase the rates and charges for certain classes of electric service to its consumers.	Increased electric rates.	10-29-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1816..... Oct. 27.	In the matter of the application of the City of Montrose in the State of Missouri for permission to increase its rates and charges for electric service to its consumers.	Increased electric rates.	10-29-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1817..... Oct. 28.	In the matter of the application of the St. Charles Lighting Company for authority to increase its rates.	Increased lighting rates.	_____.
1820..... Oct. 29.	In the matter of the application of Caruthersville & Kennett Electric Light & Power Company for permission to increase its rates and charges for commercial lighting and power service to its consumers at Kennett, Missouri.	Increased commercial lighting and power service.	10-29-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1821..... Oct. 29.	In the matter of the application of the City of Marceline, in the State of Missouri, for permission to increase its rates and charges for commercial lighting service to its consumers.	Increased commercial lighting rates.	10-29-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1822..... Oct. 29.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for its exchange at Chaffee, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
1823..... Oct. 29.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for its exchange at Oran, Mo.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
1824..... Oct. 31.	In the matter of the application of the Mendon Telephone Company to increase rates for various classes of telephone service at Mendon, Missouri.	Increased telephone rates.	10-31-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.

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1826. .... Nov. 1.	In the matter of the application of the Vandalla Electric Light Company for permission to discontinue service between the hours of 11 o'clock P. M., and 5 o'clock A. M., each day.	Discontinuance of electric service.	_____.
1830. .... Nov. 4.	In the matter of the application of J. W. Harris and D. B. Harris, to sell their interest in the Miami Independent Telephone Company at Miami, Mo., and of W. A. Chilcott to buy the same.	Transfer of telephone property.	11-4-18. Granted and order issued.
1832. .... Nov. 7.	In the matter of the application of the People's Gas & Electric Company of Chillicothe, Mo., to increase its gas rates.	Increased gas rates.	_____.
1833. .... Nov. 9.	In the matter of the application of the City of Butler, Missouri, for permission to increase its rates and charges for commercial lighting and power purposes.	Increased commercial lighting and power rates	11-9-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
1834. .... Nov. 11.	In the matter of the application of the Carthage Gas Company for abandonment of gas pipe line north of the City of Carthage, Missouri.	Abandonment of gas pipe line.	_____.
No. 1836. .... Nov. 16	In the matter of the application of the Missouri Public Utilities Company for permission to abandon gas service at Cape Girardeau, Mo., from December 1, 1918, to May 1, 1919.	Discontinuance of gas service.	_____.
No. 1837. .... Nov. 15.	In the matter of the application of the Puxico Milling, Light and Water Company, Puxico, Missouri, for permission to increase rates and charges for electric service to its consumers.	Increased electric rates at Puxico.	11-15-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
No. 1838. .... Nov. 16.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed rules and charges applying to "Customer's Premises Repairs" of the Union Electric Light and Power Company at St. Louis, Missouri.	Suspension of electric rates and charges.	_____.

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No. 1840..... Nov. 19.	In the matter of the application of St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat and Power Company for permission to increase the rate of fare per passenger on its street railway and motor bus lines in the city of St. Joseph, to a basic rate of eight cents per passenger.	For increased street railway and motor bus fares.	_____
No. 1842..... Nov. 20.	In the matter of the application of Springfield Traction Company for further increase of fares to meet increased wages, etc.	For increased street railway fares.	_____
No. 1843..... Nov. 22.	In the matter of suspension of proposed water rates and charges of the St. Joseph Water Company at St. Joseph, Missouri.	Suspension of water rates.	_____
No. 1844..... Nov. 22.	In the matter of the application of the North Kansas City Light, Heat and Power Company at North Kansas City, Missouri, for permission to increase its rates for electric service.	Increased electric rates.	11-22-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
No. 1846..... Nov. 23.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for its exchange at Pierce City, Missouri.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____
No. 1847..... Nov. 25.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of the Cape Girardeau Bell Telephone Company for its exchanges at Cape Girardeau and Jackson, Missouri.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____
No. 1848..... Nov. 25.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of Lead Belt Telephone Company for its exchanges at Bonne Terre, Farmington and Flat River, Missouri.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____
No. 1849..... Nov. 25.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of Cass County Telephone Company for its exchanges at Drexel, Freeman, Harrisonville, and Peculiar, Missouri.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____
No. 1850..... Nov. 26.	In the matter of the proposed reduction of train service on the St. Louis & Hannibal Railroad.	Reduction of train service.	_____
No. 1851..... Nov. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of gas rates and charges of Jackson County Light, Heat and Power Company, at Independence, Mo.	Suspension of gas rates.	_____

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No. 1852..... Nov. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of Union Electric Light and Power Company, entitled, "Additional Charge for Energy," applying to service at St. Louis, Missouri.	Suspension of "Additional Energy Charge" at St. Louis.	_____
No. 1853..... Nov. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of Union Electric Light and Power Company, entitled, "Additional Charge for Energy," applying to service at Washington, Missouri.	Suspension of "Additional Energy Charge" at Washington.	_____
No. 1854..... Nov. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of Union Electric Light and Power Company, entitled, "Additional Charge for Energy," applying to service at Festus, Missouri.	Suspension of "Additional Energy Charge" at Festus.	_____
No. 1855..... Nov. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of Union Electric Light and Power Company, entitled, "Additional Charge for Energy," applying to service at Union, Missouri.	Suspension of "Additional Energy Charge" at Union.	_____
No. 1856..... Nov. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of Union Electric Light and Power Company, entitled, "Additional Charge for Energy," applying to service at St. Clair, Missouri.	Suspension of "Additional Energy Charge" at St. Clair.	_____
No. 1857..... Nov. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of Union Electric Light and Power Company, entitled, "Additional Charge for Energy," applying to service in the Urban District of St. Louis county, Missouri.	Suspension of "Additional Energy Charge" in St. Louis county, Urban District.	_____
No. 1858..... Nov. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of Union Electric Light and Power Company, entitled, "Additional Charge for Energy," applying to service in the Suburban District of St. Louis county, Missouri.	Suspension of "Additional Energy Charge" in St. Louis county, Suburban District.	_____

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No. 1859. Nov. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of Union Electric Light and Power Company entitled, "Additional Charge for Energy," applying to service in the Rural District of St. Louis county, Missouri.	Suspension of "Additional Energy Charge" in St. Louis county, Rural District.	_____.
No. 1860. Nov. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of Union Electric Light and Power Company entitled, "Additional Charge for Energy," applying to service at Perryville, Missouri.	Suspension of "Additional Energy Charge" at Perryville.	_____.
No. 1861. Nov. 26.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed electric rates and charges of Union Electric Light and Power Company entitled, "Additional Charge for Energy," applying to service in Perry county, Missouri.	Suspension of "Additional Energy Charge" in Perry county.	_____.
No. 1863. Nov. 27.	In the matter of the suspension of proposed increase in the surcharge applying to certain power schedules of the Empire District Electric Company at Joplin, Webb City, Cartersville, Carthage, Neosho, Carl Junction, Oronogo and contiguous territory.	Suspension of increased surcharge applying to power schedules.	_____.
No. 1864. Nov. 29.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of the Home Telephone Company of Joplin for its exchange at Joplin, Missouri.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
No. 1865. Nov. 29.	In the matter of the suspension of rates of the Laclede County Telephone Company for its exchange at Lebanon, Missouri.	Suspension of telephone rates.	_____.
No. 1867. Nov. 29.	Application of the City of Slater, Missouri, for permission to increase its rates and charges for electric service to its consumers.	Application for increased electric rates.	11-29-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.
No. 1868. Nov. 30.	In the matter of the application of City of Farmington, Missouri, for permission to increase its rates and charges for commercial lighting and power service to its customers.	Application for increased light and power rates.	11-30-18. Order issued permitting increased rates for one year.





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## **APPENDIX E.**

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### **Informal Complaints.**

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No. and date, 1917.	Name.	Subject.	Disposal.
No. 2015. Dec. 6.	Panhorst Bros., St. Clair, vs. Wells-Fargo Express Co.	Loss of calf forwarded to St. Louis.	12-14-17. Closed. Company offered settlement on basis of liability.
No. 2016. Dec. 5.	Jas. Dickerson, St. Clair, vs. Wells-Fargo Express Co.	Loss of calf forwarded to St. Louis.	12-14-17. Closed. Company offered settlement on basis of liability.
No. 2017. Dec. 6.	W. B. Rarden, Farmington, vs. St. Francois County R. R.	Overcharge on hay. Rush Tower to Farmington.	10-1-18. Closed.
No. 2018. Dec. 10.	Jas. R. Hogg, Poplar Bluff, vs. Frisco R. R.	Facilities for handling live stock.	6-1-18. Closed. Frisco has arranged to use Missouri Pacific facilities for unloading live stock.
No. 2019. Dec. 15.	St. Clair Produce Co., St. Clair, vs. Wells-Fargo Express Co.	Failure to return chicken coops from St. Louis.	1-2-18. Closed. Express Co. advised delay caused by cold weather; proper service now given.
No. 2020. Dec. 1.	C. C. Woods, Butler, vs. Frisco R. R.	Overcharge on shipment of household goods and live stock, Sedalia to Kennett.	12-18-17. Closed. Draft for \$41.22 sent complainant.
No. 2021. Dec. 17.	Mountain Grove Creamery Co., Mountain Grove, vs. Wells-Fargo Express Co.	Refusal to accept shipment in excess of 500 pounds.	4-19-18. Closed. Matter handled by inexperienced drivers. Instructions now understood.
No. 2022. Dec. 21.	Arcadia Coal and Mining Co., Arcadia, vs. K. C. So. Ry. Co.	Track connection at Oskaloosa, Mo.	5-15-18. Closed. Satisfactory adjustment reached between parties.
No. 2023. Dec. 22.	Frank Fitch, Chamolds, vs. Wells-Fargo & Co. Express.	Delay in delivery of newspaper material.	5-15-18. Closed. Shipments located. Causes of delay explained to complainant.
No. 2024. Dec. 5.	Mrs. G. M. Nichols, Higbee, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Failure to deliver long distance message and to furnish service.	1-23-18. Closed. Satisfied by defendant.

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No. 2025. Dec. 5.	R. J. Biermann, St. Louis, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	As to authority to discontinue service for failure to pay disputed bill.	3-5-18. Closed. Complaint without merit.
No. 2026. Dec. 12.	R. L. Hall, Willow Springs, vs. The L. P. and M. Co.	Poor service.	12-18-17. Closed.
No. 2027. Dec. 18.	City of Norborne vs. K. C. L. D. Telephone Co.	Poor service and inattention of employees.	1-28-18. Closed. Withdrawn by complainant.
No. 2028. Dec. 27.	W. Bryant, Richland, vs. Richland L. and P. Co.	Refusal of company to connect houses wired by complainant.	1-18-18. Closed. Mayor promised Commission ordinance would be enacted providing for an inspector.
No. 2029. Dec. 31.	Fred W. Krohne, St. Charles, vs. Machens Telephone Co.	Unsatisfactory service.	2-26-18. Closed. Complaint satisfied.
No. 2030. Dec. 8.	W. H. Schleef, Bellflower, vs. C., B. & Q. R. R. Co.	Stock train service from Franks to St. Louis.	5-15-18. Closed. Company advises service now adjusted the best it can be arranged. Complainant notified, if further action is desired, to file formal complaint.
1918. No. 2031. Jan. 2.	Foell & Co., St. Louis, vs. Frisco R. R.	Overcharge on rye, Perryville to St. Louis.	2-19-18. Closed. Company instructed to make refund.
No. 2032. Jan. 9.	A. J. Speer et al., Greenbrier, vs. Frisco R. R.	Request for freight agent at Greenbrier.	5-15-18. Closed. Railroad company declines to build station and install agent. Complainant notified formal complaint necessary for further action.
No. 2033. Jan. 5.	Frank W. Ashby, Chillicothe, vs. C., M. & St. P. Ry.	Refusal to permit coal to be weighed on company scales at Dawn.	2-12-18. Closed. Permission given for use of scales for commercial weighing.
No. 2034. Jan. 13.	J. A. Laxton, Sturgeon, vs. Wells-Fargo & Co. Express.	Refusal to load shipments.	5-15-18. Closed. Company advises packages now in excess of tariff dimensions. Complainant notified.
No. 2035. Jan. 17.	T. A. Cummings, Maryville, vs. Wabash Railway Co.	Failure to maintain agent at Dawsonville.	5-15-18. Closed. Company advises agent is being maintained at Dawsonville. Complainant notified.

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No. 2036 Jan. 15.	Horace Ghelsien, St. Louis, vs. Frisco R. R.	Fare for children, Webster Groves to South Webster.	3-8-18. Closed. Authority No. 606 issued granted Frisco, naming desired fare.
No. 2037 Jan. 16.	Larabee Flour Mills et al. vs. M., K. & T. Ry. Co.	Poor service for handling grain and unable to secure coal.	5-15-18. Closed. Cars for coal and grain secured.
No. 2038 Jan. 20.	Frank Bennett, Carthage, vs. M., K. & T. Ry. Co.	Failure of agent at Clinton to open window to sell tickets and to check baggage.	5-15-18. Closed. Relief agent in charge. Superintendent has imposed proper discipline. Complainant notified.
No. 2039 Jan. 28.	Edward Flad, Jefferson City, vs. Pullman Co.	Refund on unused pullman ticket, St. Louis to Kansas City.	2-26-18. Closed. Draft for \$2.00 given complainant.
No. 2040 Jan. 3.	Geo. Giger, Gilliam, vs. Gilliam Telephone Co.	Unsatisfactory service.	3-16-18. Closed. Satisfied by company putting in reduced rates Jan. 1, 1918.
No. 2041 Jan. 3.	Dr. Root and W. F. Burre vs. Tebbetts Telephone Exchange.	Refusal to call physician even when mes- sage would be paid for.	2-11-18. Closed. Advised to file formal complaint.
No. 2042 Jan. 3.	Mr. Jno. J. Rott, Webster Groves, vs. Keller Local Tel. Co., Afton, Mo.	Inadequate service.	7-11-18. Closed. Satisfied by defendant company.
No. 2043 Jan. 23.	Mrs. Emma Dill vs. West St. L., W. and L. Co.	Excessive water bills.	4-13-18. Closed. Bill paid.
No. 2044 Jan. 30.	H. O. Small et al. vs. K. C. Rys. Co.	Service on Marlborough Line.	2-12-18. Closed. Transferred to formal docket Case 1460.
No. 2045 Feb. 2.	State Capitol Commission.	Tracing cars from Cambridge, Mass.: St. L. & F. 3262, out 1-17; C., B. & Q. 45293, out 1-31.	3-10-18. Closed. Cars received.
No. 2046 Feb. 12.	State Capitol Commission	Tracing cars from Chicago American Seat- ing Co.: Erie 107628, G. R. I. M. Co.; C. & A., 2-7-18.	2-25-18. Closed. Cars received.
No. 2047 Feb. 12.	State Capitol Commission	Tracing car of bronze doors from Prov- idence, R. I.: A., T. & S. F. Ry. 35946, out 1-14.	2-19-18. Closed. Car received.

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No. 2048 Feb. 12.	L. C. Kelley, Memphis, vs. C., B. & Q. R. R. Co.	Overcharge on baggage, Brookfield to Chillicothe.	5-15-18. Closed. Company advises proper rates assessed. No discrimination practiced. Complainant notified of basis applicable.
No. 2049 Jan. 31.	C. R. Morrow (Prison) vs. M., K. & T. Ry. Co.	Overcharge on brooms from Jefferson City to Moberly.	5-15-18. Closed. Draft forwarded complainant.
No. 2050 Feb. 14.	Public Service Commission vs. Mo. Pac. and Pullman Co.	Passenger service on No. 9, Jefferson City to Kansas City.	5-15-18. Closed. Pres. Bush declines to reinstate observation car on train No. 9.
No. 2051 Feb. 11.	C. W. Durbin, St. Louis, vs. Adams Express Co.	Overcharge, account lot shipment.	5-22-18. Closed. Company advises draft delivered Mr. Durbin.
No. 2052 Feb. 7.	Shippers Frt. and Traf. Assn. vs. Frisco Ry.	Incorrect charge on lumber shipment.	9-14-18. Closed. Transferred to C. C. 2167.
No. 2053 Jan. 31.	Union Farm Products Co. vs. American Express Co.	Handling of express between Union and St. Louis.	5-15-18. Closed. Company advises delay due to congestion. Complainant notified.
No. 2054 Feb. 13.	R. A. Knapp, Jefferson City, vs. M., K. & T. Ry. Co.	Pulling incorrect mileage between Sedalia and New Franklin and between New Franklin and Higbee.	6-11-18. Closed. Proper instructions now given all agents.
No. 2055 Feb. 14.	C. R. Morrow (Prison) vs. Mo. Pac. R. R. Co.	Spotting cars inside prison walls.	4-15-18. Closed. Matter satisfactorily adjusted.
No. 2056 Feb. 24.	Walsh Tie and Lumber Co., St. Louis, vs. Frisco.	Overcharge on lumber, account incorrect mileage.	3-8-18. Closed. Mileage corrected. Re-fund made.
No. 2057 Feb. 22.	Brown-DeField Grain Co. vs. Mo. Pac. R. R. Co.	Failure of railroad company to furnish grain doors.	5-15-18. Closed. Company advised grain doors will be furnished as in the past.
No. 2058 Mar. 2.	H. S. Smiley, Wheeling, vs. C., B. & Q. R. R.	Platform at Wheeling.	8-10-18. Closed. Company finds that facilities are sufficient.
No. 2059 Feb. 28.	R. M. Nead, Marionville, vs. Wells, Fargo & Co. Express.	Handling eggs at St. Louis.	5-15-18. Closed. Complainant asked, but fails to furnish necessary details to enable proper investigation.

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No. 2060..... Feb. 28.	Abeles & Tausig et al., St. Louis, vs. Frisco R. R.	Switch at Vivian Spur.	5-15-18. Closed. Owner of spur would not agree to public use and company has withdrawn spur for all use.
No. 2061..... Feb. 26.	Thos. S. Naughton, Jennings, vs. Wabash Ry. Co.	Crowded condition of train.	5-15-18. Closed. Complainant advises service has been improved and now satisfactory.
No. 2062..... Mar. 26.	A. G. Pauley, Easley, vs. M., K. & T. Ry. Co.	Request for open agency at Easley.	5-22-18. Closed. Agent installed.
No. 2063..... Mar. 27.	Women's Civic Club, Swope Park, vs. K. C. Rys. Co.	Request for through street car service on Swope Park line.	4-3-18. Closed. Transferred to Engineering Department.
No. 2064..... Mar. 26.	Robinson Bros., St. Louis, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Unsatisfactory service.	4-29-18. Closed. Complaint satisfied.
No. 2065..... Jan. 28.	R. E. Stewart, Hardin, vs. Hardin Telephone Co.	Refusal to furnish service.	3-5-18. Closed. Complaint without merit.
No. 2066..... Feb. 6.	O. L. Morris vs. Mokane Ind. Tel. Co.	Unsatisfactory service.	3-8-18. Closed. Abandoned by complainant.
No. 2067..... Feb. 6.	J. T. Althouse, Turney, vs. Clinton County Tel. Co.	Unsatisfactory Sunday service.	3-16-18. Closed. Abandoned by complainant.
No. 2068..... Feb. 15.	J. E. Wright, Desloge, vs. Mo. Public Utilities Co.	Discrimination against competing contractors.	4-8-18. Closed.
No. 2069..... Jan. 16.	Clay & Holley, Flat River, vs. The Light and Development Co.	Refusal to make connections and furnish service.	4-8-18. Closed. Transferred to forma Case 1487.
No. 2070..... Feb. 14.	J. H. Thompson Coffee Brokerage Co. vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Unsatisfactory service.	3-13-18. Closed. Satisfied by defendant company.
No. 2071..... Feb. 15.	J. W. Van Tassel, Keokuk, Iowa, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Message rate, Memphis, Mo., to Kansas City, Mo.	4-29-18. Closed. Complaint without merit. Satisfied by company.

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No. 2072 Feb. 16.	Geo. W. Statler (town clerk) vs. Martinsburg Telephone Co.	Unsatisfactory service.	6-1-18. Closed. Rates became effective, which cancels complaint.
No. 2073 Feb. 16.	Miss Lyle Williams, Braymer, vs. Peoples Telephone Co. of Braymer.	Overcharge in residence rate.	3-8-18. Closed. Abandoned by complainant.
No. 2074 Feb. 14.	Dr. J. B. Naah, Wellston Station, vs. West St. L. W. and L. Co.	Failure to secure water, account frozen main.	2-14-18. Closed. Services all thawed out by Feb. 10, 1918.
No. 2075 Jan. 16.	Carl E. Smith, Moberly, vs. Moberly Light and Power Co.	Inability to secure electric service at residence.	3-16-18. Closed. Company has adopted new rules.
No. 2076 Jan. 3.	Dr. J. DeV. Guyot, Bucklin, vs. Bucklin E. L. Co.	Unable to use X-ray machine because of low voltage furnished.	_____.
No. 2077 Feb. 19.	Mt. Gillead Farmers Club vs. Kearney Telephone Co.	Service rendered rural lines.	4-29-18. Closed. This matter heard in Case 1500.
No. 2078 Feb. 19.	J. D. Sides, Golden City, vs. Golden City Telephone Co.	Removal of telephone from residence and refusal to reinstall same.	3-21-18. Closed. Complaint without merit.
No. 2079 Feb. 19.	Joplin Chamber of Commerce et al. vs. Joplin Home Telephone Co.	Coin boxes in connection with certain business telephones.	7-2-18. Closed. Abandoned by complainant.
No. 2080 Feb. 19.	A. E. Hamilton, Joplin, vs. Branson Telephone Co.	Toll line service.	3-4-18. Closed. Satisfied by defendant.
No. 2081 Feb. 12.	Mrs. Lula Shed, St. Joseph, vs. St. Joseph Gas Company.	Excessive gas bills.	3-16-18. Closed. Complainant moved and is no longer connected.
No. 2082 Feb. 27.	August Strassner, Ethel, vs. Wesell Telephone Exchange, New Haven.	Excessive line charges.	7-1-18. Closed. Adjustment of rates automatically adjusted complaint.
No. 2083 Mar. 1.	Mrs. W. A. Hednritz, Wentzville, vs. Wentzville Telephone Co.	Refusal to furnish service.	3-5-18. Closed. Complaint without merit.



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No. 2084..... Mar. 15.	Chas. W. Brunn, Kansas City, vs. Home Telephone Co.	Failure to move residence phone as requested.	6-25-18. Closed. Complaint without merit.
No. 2085..... Mar. 15.	J. T. Lindsey, Gilman City, vs. Farmers Tel. Co. of Harrison County.	Failure to provide service, but continuing to collect rent.	4-9-18. Closed. Satisfied by defendant company.
No. 2086..... Mar. 21.	I. B. Orenstein, St. Louis, vs. Kinloch Telephone Co.	Delay in furnishing service.	7-11-18. Closed. Satisfied by defendant company.
No. 2087..... Mar. 29.	L. E. Lortz, V. P. Fulton Iron Works, St. Louis, vs. Union E. L. & P. Co.	Extension of electric service at residence.	4-30-18. Closed.
No. 2088..... Mar. 27.	H. L. Mudd, Memphis, vs. Memphis E. L. H. and P. Co.	Light service for high school.	6-10-18. Closed. Transferred to Case 1608.
No. 2089..... Mar. 29.	J. W. Alexander, Leeper, vs. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Necessity for night trains south of Leeper.	4-3-18. Closed. No. 5 stops at Leeper on flag.
No. 2090..... Mar. 30.	Spencer Produce Co., Kansas City, vs. Wells, Fargo & Co. Express.	Poor delivery service at Kansas City.	9-19-18. Closed. Service materially improved. Complainant satisfied.
No. 2091..... Apr. 3.	Maryville E. L. and P. Co. vs. C., B. & Q. and Wabash Ry.	Re-routing coal from Bevier via Chillicothe.	5-15-18. Closed. Railroads refuse to agree to rerouting. Complainant advised to take matter up with Regional Director.
No. 2092..... Mar. 14.	Macon Station vs. Wabash Railway.	Wabash station at Macon.	10-1-18. Closed. New station to be built in spring of 1919.
No. 2093..... Mar. 22.	St. Louis Independent Packing Co. vs. C., B. & Q. R. R.	Absorbing of switching.	9-14-18. Closed. Tariffs properly amended.
No. 2094..... Mar. 13.	Boonville Reformatory vs. Mo. Pacific and M., K. & T. Ry.	Use of freight trains to capture of escaped inmates.	9-14-18. Closed. Use of freight trains authorized.
No. 2095..... Apr. 11.	Brown Mfg. Co. vs. American Express Co.	Slow delivery of express shipments	5-15-18. Closed. Express company denies not calling for state shipments. Complainant advised and no reply received.

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No. 2096. Apr. 19.	Lieut. Howard Cook vs. Pennsylvania R. R. Co.	Refund unused portion of ticket on account of delayed connection.	5-15-18. Closed. Draft received.
No. 2097. Apr. 19.	St. Clair Produce Co. vs. Wells, Fargo & Co. Express.	Delayed shipments and delayed payment of claims.	10-9-18. Closed. Coops now being handled promptly. Subject handled under OC. 2169.
No. 2098. Apr. 23.	Public Service Commission vs. C., B. & Q. R. R. Co.	Refund on two tickets (Messrs. Fiad and Dakin).	5-22-18. Closed. Draft in payment received.
No. 2099. Apr. 11.	J. E. Warner, Benton, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Discrimination in service.	5-7-18. Closed. Dismissed by complainant.
No. 2100. Apr. 19.	Geo. R. Robinson, Kirkwood, vs. Kinloch Telephone Co.	Excessive toll rates.	7-11-18. Closed. Satisfied by defendant company.
No. 2101. Apr. 23.	Investigation of traffic operating and financial conditions of the Ozark Valley Ry. Co.	5-6-18. Report of Mr. Bee filed. 5-13-18. Report of accountants and engineers filed.	9-1-18. Closed. Road dismantled under order of United States District Court.
No. 2102. May 6.	Miss Virginia Urton vs. C. & A. and Pullman Co.	Refund on unused ticket.	7-10-18. Closed. Check received from company and forwarded complainant.
No. 2103. April 20.	J. T. Heines, Harrisonville, vs. Kansas City Southern.	Overcharge on household goods from Statesbury to Harrisonville via Hume and Rich Hill.	10-1-18. Closed. Company advises draft in payment has been forwarded.
No. 2104. Apr. 27.	Laclede-Christy Products Co. vs. Western Trunk Line Committee et al.	Withdrawal of direct connection between Rock Island, Frisco and Missouri Pacific at St. Louis.	10-1-18. Closed. Connection established as requested.
No. 2105. May 7.	John Rader, Jefferson City, vs. American Express Co.	Short shipment on household goods.	8-6-18. Closed. Express company authorized purchase of duplicate furniture.
No. 2106. Apr. 29.	B. H. Drane, Charleston, vs. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Claim on household goods.	10-1-18. Closed. Claim settled.
No. 2107. May 8.	Hon. Porter Gilvin, Jefferson City, vs. M., K. & T. Ry. Co.	Refund on unused ticket.	8-6-18. Closed. Draft forwarded Mr. Gilvin.

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No. 2108. May 2.	Godat, LaPee & Chiles, Sullivan, vs. Frisco Railroad.	Shipment of car of salt.	5-24-18. Closed. Movement of car secured.
No. 2109. May 1.	Hon. Joshua Whitesides, Old Monroe, vs. C., B. & Q. R. R.	Inadequate station service at Old Monroe, Mo.	9-14-18. Closed. Report made to complainant and informal file closed.
No. 2110. Apr. 28.	Pevely Farm and Cattle Co., Pevely, vs. Frisco R. R.	Restoring of morning milk train, also afternoon train be stopped during summer months.	9-14-18. Closed. Service installed satisfactorily.
No. 2111. May 6.	H. F. Wolters, Mayor, St. James, vs. Frisco Railroad.	Shortage of cars for live stock.	9-14-18. Closed. Complaint satisfied.
No. 2112. Apr. 30.	D. Riepe, Higginsville, vs. Citizens Telephone Co.	Charge for telephone service.	5-17-18. Closed. Complaint without merit.
No. 2113. Apr. 30.	W. H. Stubblefield, Cape Girardeau, vs. Missouri Public Utilities Co.	Excessive charge for water, etc.	6-7-18. Closed.
No. 2114. May 9 and 10.	A. S. Ennis, Horine, vs. Wells, Fargo & Co. Express.	Facilities for loading cattle. Also refusal to accept two cows, pending advice of Southern Express Co.	9-14-18. Closed. Cattle accepted and facilities arranged.
No. 2115. May 15.	J. A. Thompson, Jefferson City, vs. Wells, Fargo & Co. Express.	Package consigned to Miss Annie Porter, from Centerville, Mo., to Frankfort, Ohio.	10-1-18. Closed. Company advises shipment lost. Complainant advised to file claim.
No. 2116. May 16.	W. A. Holcomb, Poplar Bluff, vs. Frisco Railroad.	Refund on two unused tickets, Poplar Bluff to Pocahtonias, Ark.	5-24-18. Closed. Draft forwarded complainant.
No. 2117. May 20.	E. S. Metts, Apex, vs. Adams Express Co.	Overcharge in handling eggs to St. Louis.	10-1-18. Closed. Rate corrected and refund made.
No. 2118. May 21.	Hon. J. D. Bowman, Oran, vs. St. Louis Southwestern Ry.	Station at Perkin, Mo.	10-1-18. Closed. Station to be built as soon as conditions permit, (after the war).
No. 2119. May 22.	Hannibal Chamber of Commerce vs. Q., O. & K. C. R. R.	Undue and unjust discrimination in freight rates in favor of Quincy and against Hannibal, from Hannibal to points on Q., O. & K. C.	5-23-18. Closed. Proper rates now being assessed and tariffs ordered corrected.

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No. 2120 ..... June 1.	C. B. Bee vs. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Refund on unused portion of coupon interchangeable ticket.	6-27-18. Closed. Draft for \$13.14 received.
No. 2121 ..... June 3.	Travis Lumber Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., vs. Salem, Winona & Southern Ry.	Refusal to haul freight over trains.	8-6-18. Closed. Tram company offers to transport shipments.
No. 2122 ..... June 2.	Mrs. H. E. Cookson, St. Louis, vs. American Express Co.	Refund on express (suit case) account double charge.	8-6-18. Closed. Refund made.
No. 2123 ..... May 29.	Arcadia Coal and Mining Co., Nevada, vs. M., K. & T. Ry.	Spur track at Nevada, Mo.	9-14-18. Closed. Matter satisfactorily adjusted.
No. 2124 ..... May 13.	Geo. Safford, St. Louis, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Poor telephone service from Main 5262, St. Louis.	7-11-18. Closed. Satisfied by defendant company.
No. 2125 ..... May 15.	Ball & Gunning Milling Co. vs. Home Telephone Co.	Disconnection of telephone of complainant.	6-25-18. Closed. Complaint satisfied and adjusted.
No. 2126 ..... May 13.	D. O. Baldwin, Rockville, vs. Rockville Telephone Co.	Disconnection of telephone of complainant.	6-1-18. Closed. Cannot be adjusted satisfactorily informally.
No. 2127 ..... May 15.	Ernest Wagy, Kearney, vs. Kearney Telephone Co.	Charge for month of March, when phone was not in use.	6-19-18. Closed. Complaint satisfied by defendant telephone company.
No. 2128 ..... May 21.	John W. Darby, Norborne, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone connection at Norborne, Mo.	7-2-18. Closed. Complaint without merit.
No. 2129 ..... May 4.	Henry H. Glascock vs. Wallace Parker and Roy Thornberry.	Refusal to give telephone service.	6-10-18. Closed. Service restored and satisfactory.
No. 2130 ..... May 24.	Dr. H. E. Allee, Mayor, Clarksburg vs. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Station at Clarksburg.	12-1-18. Closed. New station under construction. Will be completed about December 15.
No. 2131 ..... June 12.	J. D. Rice, Springfield, vs. Frisco Ry. Co.	Overcharge on shipment, Rolla to Springfield.	8-10-18. Closed. Draft for \$216.00 forwarded complainant.

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No. 2132, ..... June 12.	Commissioner Edward Flad vs. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Refund on interchangeable coupon.	9-14-18. Closed. Draft in payment received.
No. 2133, ..... June 10.	J. A. Overbury, Ulrich, vs. K. C. C. & S. Ry. Co.	Closing station at Hartwell.	_____.
No. 2134, ..... June 21.	R. B. Houghton, St. Louis, vs. United Railways Co.	Coupon tickets be placed at convenient places and amounts.	9-14-18. Closed. Coupon in proper denomination placed on sale at convenient places.
No. 2135, ..... June 21.	Silgo Iron Store Co., St. Louis, vs. Frisco Railroad.	Commodity rates taking precedence over class rates.	9-14-18. Closed. Frisco instructed to publish commodity rates.
No. 2136, ..... June 21.	F. O. Tweed, Winfield, vs. C., B. & Q. R. R.	Train service for shipments of bread to Old Monroe from Winfield.	8-10-18. Closed. Superintendent has arranged for proper handling.
No. 2137, ..... June 22.	J. B. Stubblefield, Malden, vs. St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co.	\$1.00 yardage charge on live stock handled in the pens.	8-14-18. Closed. Refund made.
No. 2138, ..... July 1.	Enon Exchange Bank, Enon, vs. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Overcharge in rate on oil.	9-14-18. Closed. Refunds made.
No. 2139, ..... July 1.	J. M. Hays, Jefferson City, vs. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Refund on interchangeable mileage coupon.	8-2-18. Closed. Draft delivered to Mr. Hayes.
No. 2140, ..... Apr. 8.	W. S. Paxton vs. Gorin Mutual Telephone Co.	Discrimination in rates.	11-12-18. Closed. Transferred to Formal Case 1835.
No. 2141, ..... May 28.	Louis Hoffman, Sedalia, vs. Economy Steam Heating and Electric Co.	Furnishing steam heat to buildings in Sedalia, Mo.	11-16-18. Closed. Draft in payment issued November 12, 1918.
No. 2142, ..... June 14.	W. H. Heisserer, Benton, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Excessive charge for toll service between Benton and Oran.	7-11-18. Closed. Satisfied by defendant company.
No. 2143, ..... June 6.	C. S. Lucas, Hematite, vs. Madsener Telephone Co.	Poor telephone service at Hematite.	_____.

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No. 2144, June 17.	Martha A. York, Hayti, vs. Caruthersville & Kennett Electric Light and Power Co.	Excessive charge for electric service.	7-25-18. Closed. Complaint withdrawn from Commission.
No. 2145, June 27.	Mrs. W. H. Russell, Kennett, vs. C., B. & Q. R. R. Co.	Erection of taller smoke stacks at round-house in Hannibal, Mo.	9-14-18. Closed. Complainant notified of company's statement that matter could not be adjusted. No reply.
No. 2146, June 26.	R. A. Knapp, Ironton, vs. Frisco Railway.	Overcharge on passenger fares where mileage is odd.	_____.
No. 2147, July 3.	McEwing & Thomas Clay Products Co., St. Louis, vs. Wabash Ry.	Overcharge on shipment, St. Louis to Mexico.	_____.
No. 2148, July 9.	J. W. Glaser, Pacific, vs. Missouri Pacific.	Need of empty cars for shipping.	9-14-18. Closed. Complaint adjusted by equalization of empties.
No. 2149, July 10.	Melville Comedians, White Hall, Ill., vs. M. R. & B. T. R. R.	Overcharge on cars.	9-14-18. Closed. Company claims all charges were agreed to before movement.
No. 2150, July 12.	Fuel Administrator vs. Missouri Pacific.	Through rate of \$1.90 on coal from Sparta, Ill., to Hermann, Mo.	9-14-18. Closed. Director General has ordered adjustment of rate.
No. 2151, July 8.	K. C. Building Supply Co. vs. K. C. Southern R. R.	Establishment of junction points at Knoche Jct. between K. C. S. Ry. and the C., M. & St. P. and at Sheffield with Terminal Ry.	9-14-18. Closed. Complainant notified for mal action necessary.
No. 2152, July 19.	Mrs. Jno. A. Brandt, Jefferson City, vs. Wells, Fargo & Co. Express.	Failure to deliver one crated bicycle to John F. Brandt, St. Louis.	9-14-18. Closed. Bicycle delivered.
No. 2153, July 30.	Geo. V. Welch, Vineland, vs. Missouri Pacific.	Need of watchman at tunnel close to Vineland.	9-5-18. Closed. Company advises watchman will be placed when weather conditions require.
No. 2154, July 29.	N. W. Simpson vs. American Ry. Express Co.	Loss of box of chickens from LaBelle, Mo.	8-5-18. Closed. Draft forwarded Mr. Simpson.

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No. 2155..... July 3.	Mrs. Bell Arman vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone disconnected.	10-7-18. Closed. Abandoned by complainant.
No. 2156..... July 2.	Messrs. Seth R. and Homer Rowe vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone service.	_____.
No. 2157..... July 5.	Monroe F. Cockrell vs. Lafayette Telephone Co.	Removal of telephone from station at Lexington.	_____.
No. 2158..... July 18.	Joseph Diggs, Hawk Point, vs. Troy Telephone Co.	Unsatisfactory service at Hawk Point.	8-10-18. Closed. Company finds that facilities are sufficient.
No. 2159..... July 18.	Rev. J. J. Godfrey, Ferguson, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Proposed changes in rates at Ferguson, Mo.	10-7-18. Closed. Complaint satisfied.
No. 2160..... Aug. 2.	E. G. Bylander, Sec. Mo. State Fair, vs. Western Class. Committee and Weighing Ins. Bureau.	Handling of live stock to and from Fair Association.	8-8-18. Closed. Restoration of old rules secured. Also reduced rates for account of State Fair.
No. 2161..... July 27.	M. T. Copeland, Ellington, vs. American Ry. Express Co.	Overcharge on express matter.	9-5-18. Closed. Draft forwarded complainant.
No. 2162..... Aug. 2.	Lexington Branch vs. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Shortage of cars for loading wheat.	9-14-18. Closed. Supply of cars secured.
No. 2163..... July 17.	Glencoe, Mo., parties, vs. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Open station for train No. 44.	9-19-18. Closed. Station kept open for trains.
No. 2164..... July 31.	World Film Corporation, St. Louis, vs. American Ry. Express Co.	C. O. D. charge of \$26.07 on box of films.	9-14-18. Closed. Express company claims shipment properly delivered. Complainant notified.
No. 2165..... July 8.	J. W. Mallow, Hopewell, vs. American Ry. Express Co.	Loss of one bucket of butter, Hopewell to St. Louis.	8-5-18. Closed. Draft in payment forwarded shipper.
No. 2166..... Aug. 8.	A. Z. Patterson, Jefferson City, vs. Pullman Company.	Overcharge on ticket.	9-14-18. Closed. Draft in payment received.

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No. 2167 May 27. vs.	Shippers Freight Traffic Assn. St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co.	Rate on shipments, Cadet, Mo., to Kirkwood, Mo.	9-14-18. Closed. Refund made.
No. 2168 Aug. 3. vs.	Kuhm Bros. Merc. Co., Troy, St. Louis & Hannibal Ry.	Overcharge on coal, Murren, Ill., to Troy, Mo.	_____
No. 2169 Aug. 6. vs.	Frisco Com. Co. and St. Louis Butter, Egg and Poultry Co. American Ry. Express Co.	Pick-up service on return empty coops.	11-1-18. Closed. New department established for handling empty coops working satisfactorily.
No. 2170 Dec. 20. vs.	Marblehead Lime Co. M., K. & T. Ry.	Refund of \$2.00 switching charge on cars of stone from Hannibal to Madison, shipped in July, 1917.	_____
No. 2171 May 16. vs.	Wm. L. Carney, Kansas City. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Possible interchange between Missouri Pacific and C. & A. at Kansas City without necessity for interstate movement.	10-1-18. Closed. Complainant furnished statement showing no possible connection within the State.
No. 2172 July 15. vs.	City of Albany, Mo., C., B. & Q. R. R. Co.	1. Construction of switch track. 2. Better depot facilities.	_____
No. 2173 July 18. vs.	Dundee, Mo., citizens, Missouri Pacific Ry.	Trains Nos. 45 and 46 stop at Dundee on flag.	_____
No. 2174 Nov. 20, 1917. vs.	Adolph Artz, Jefferson City. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Loss of shipment.	_____
No. 2175 Aug. 14. vs.	Becker Bros., Steedman, and S. E. Neal, Portland, American Ry. Express Co.	Handling of empty chicken coops.	_____
No. 2176 July 19. vs.	Schnabel & Sons, Ionia, Missouri Pacific R. R.	Routing and charges on coal, Lexington to Ionia.	9-15-18. Closed. Shipper has been routing freight improperly. Error corrected.
No. 2177 Aug. 2. vs.	W. L. Shouse, Shelbina, Shelby Co. G. N. W. R. R.	Increased salaries for employees.	_____
No. 2178 Aug. 16. vs.	Newman Bros., Whitesville, C. G. W. R. R.	Rate on steel tanks, Kansas City to Res.	9-19-18. Closed. Order issued by railroad for refund.



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No. 2179, ..... Aug. 21.	M. N. Beeler, Kansas City, vs. American Ry. Express Co.	Short shipment on household goods.	9-14-18. Closed. Matter satisfactorily handled by Supt. Jones.
No. 2180, ..... Aug. 10.	T. P. Gordon, St. Joseph, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Poor telephone service in St. Joseph, Mo.	10-7-18. Closed. Satisfied by defendant company.
No. 2181, ..... Aug. 12.	E. G. Cordes, West Alton, vs. Machens-West Alton Telephone Co.	Poor telephone service at West Alton, Mo.	11-7-18. Closed. Abandoned by complainant.
No. 2182, ..... Sept. 3.	Hon. J. W. Farris, Bloomfield, vs. St. Louis Southwestern Ry.	Station at Avert, Mo.	10-1-18. Closed. Box car to be arranged for passenger use.
No. 2183, ..... Aug. 23.	Norris Poultry and Egg Co., St. Joseph, vs. American Ry. Express Co.	Handling of empty coops.	9-13-18. Closed. Complainant advises proper service now being rendered.
No. 2184, ..... Sept. 3.	C. M. Buford, Ellington, vs. Missouri Southern R. R.	Overcharge on pig moving from Piedmont via Leeper.	10-8-18. Closed. Draft in payment sent complainant.
No. 2185, ..... Aug. 19.	G. W. Hawkins, Stark City, vs. C., R. I. & P. Ry.	Overcharge on shipment, Liberal, Kan., to Fairview, Mo.	_____.
No. 2186, ..... Sept. 19.	Marblehead Lime Co. vs. C., B. & Q. R. R.	Overcharge on shipment of lime moving from Hannibal to Bland, Mo.	_____.
No. 2187, ..... Sept. 7.	Peckham's, St. Louis, vs. Wabash Ry. Co.	Storage charge on shipment originating Fort Wayne, Ind.	10-20-18. Closed. Time of delivery is question of fact and shipment interstate. No action.
No. 2188, ..... Sept. 6.	Hon. J. H. McCord, Jefferson City, vs. Michigan Central Ry.	Delay in shipment.	10-19-18. Closed. Shipment found in capitol building at Jefferson City.
No. 2189, ..... Sept. 6.	L. D. Weldon, St. Clair, vs. Frisco R. R.	Use of railroad switch over which to ship nursery and orchard products.	11-23-18. Closed. Complainant advised company acting within the law.
No. 2190, ..... Aug. 30.	Jesse Watson, Morrisonville, vs. Frisco R. R.	Refund on ticket.	10-18-18. Closed. Draft in payment sent complainant.

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No. 2191..... Aug. 29.	Franklin E. Reagan, Ironton, vs. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Refund on ticket.	11-23-18. Closed. Company advises draft in payment issued.
No. 2192..... Aug. 28.	Badger & Welsh, Rich Hill, vs. Butler-Rich Hill Telephone Co.	Refusal to furnish service.	11-7-18. Closed. Abandoned by complain- ant.
No. 2193..... Aug. 28.	M. N. Beeler, Kansas City, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Refusal to furnish residence service.	10-7-18. Closed. Satisfied by defendant company.
No. 2194..... Aug. 28.	D. G. Flanders, Rolla, vs. Newburg Telephone Co.	Unsatisfactory service on rural line.	10-7-18. Closed. Complaint without merit.
No. 2195..... Aug. 28.	F. E. Werutz, Harrisonville, vs. Cass County Telephone Co.	Refusal to install service except on pay- ment of rent six months in advance.	10-7-18. Closed. Complaint without merit. Would not abide by company's rules, etc., in the furnishing of service.
No. 2196..... Aug. 29.	Dr. T. W. Cotton, Van Buren, vs. Carter County Telephone Co.	Unsatisfactory service and threat to re- move its exchange from Van Buren.	_____.
No. 2197..... July 1.	Stewart Com. and Express Co. vs. West St. Louis Water Co.	Refund on meter.	_____.
No. 2198..... Aug. 7.	Mrs. J. W. Wayland et al. vs. Home Electric Company.	Electric service at New Franklin, Mo.	_____.
No. 2199..... Aug. 26.	Geo. C. Porter, St. Louis, vs. West St. Louis Water Co.	Charges made for repairing water meter.	_____.
No. 2200..... Aug. 23.	F. P. Jackubowski, St. Louis, vs. West St. Louis W. and L. Co.	Extension of water mains.	11-4-18. Closed. Transferred to Formal Docket Case 1829.
No. 2201..... Aug. 19.	Mound City Mill and Elev. Co. vs. Mound City, Mo.	Water and water meters.	_____.
No. 2202..... June 21.	G. W. Jones et al. vs. Duenweg Water Co.	Poor water service at Duenweg, Mo.	9-10-18. Closed. Visited by Mr. Whitlow 9-6-18.

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No. 2203..... Aug. 5.	Kenwood Springs, Mun. Assn. et al. vs. West St. Louis W. and L. Co.	Shortage of water supply.	10-21-18. Closed by visit of Mr. Duffy.
No. 2204..... Aug. 29.	J. G. Norris, Slater, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Refusal of telephone company to install telephone.	10-7-18. Closed. Complaint without merit. Government orders apply.
No. 2205..... Sept. 16.	G. A. Razu & Son vs. American Ry. Express Co.	Loss one sack of rabbits consigned to Jasper & Sellmeyer, St. Louis.	_____.
No. 2206..... Oct. 1.	Chas. A. Cole, Union, vs. Missouri Pacific R. R.	Refund on ticket.	10-8-18. Closed. Refund secured and forwarded complainant.
No. 2207..... Oct. 15.	D. R. Bramell, Clinton, vs. M. K. & T. Ry. Co.	Loading stock.	_____.
No. 2208..... Oct. 23.	Frisco Commission Co., St. Louis, vs. American Railway Express Co.	New form of delivery.	12-1-18. Closed. Conference arranged and satisfactory adjustment made.
No. 2209..... Oct. 19.	Bicknell & Co., Hannon, vs. Missouri Pacific R. R. Co.	New truck at station.	11-29-18. Closed. Company advises new truck supplied.
No. 2210..... Nov. 2.	Farmers' Co-operative Ass'n. Lexington, vs. Missouri Pacific R. R. Co.	Stock yard condition at Lexington and Winton, Missouri.	11-26-18. Closed. Company advises necessary repairs being made.
No. 2212..... Aug. 14.	Gamble & Wollard, Dunnegan, vs. American Railway Express Co.	Loss of sixteen chickens.	_____.
No. 2213..... Oct. 27.	Mrs. K. Morrow, Jefferson City, vs. American Railway Express Co.	Additional charge of \$1.00 on box of nuts.	_____.
No. 2214..... Oct. 28.	H. Roeder, Maplewood, vs. Minneapolis & St. Louis, R. R.	Loss of crate of honey.	_____.
No. 2215..... Aug. 26.	W. E. Swan, Troy, vs. Troy Telephone Exchange.	Poor service at Troy, Mo.	11-7-18. Closed. Abandoned by complainant.

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No. 2216 Sept. 7.	Geo. L. Spradling, Festus, vs. Festus Telephone Co.	Refusal to install telephone.	10-7-18. Closed. Abandoned by com- plainant. Company unable to obtain material to make installation.
No. 2217 Sept. 9.	J. N. Matthews, Joplin, vs. K. C. Home Telephone Co.	Installation charge on telephones.	10-7-18. Closed. Complaint without merit. Company complying with government orders in making the charge.
No. 2218 Sept. 26.	Sam Hense, Dalton, vs. Brunswick Telephone Co.	Poor telephone service at Dalton.	11-7-18. Closed. Abandoned by com- plainant.
No. 2219 Sept. 23.	W. T. Bishop, Springfield, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Refusal to install telephone.	11-7-18. Closed. Complaint without merit.
No. 2220 Oct. 6.	Byron B. Stevens, Chillicothe, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Refusal to install telephone in business house.	11-7-18. Closed. Abandoned by com- plainant.
No. 2221 Oct. 15.	John M. Taylor, Fayette, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone service at Fayette, Missouri.	_____.
No. 2222 Aug. 30.	Mrs. D. W. Motley, Louisiana, vs. Pike County Electric Light and Power Co.	Meter complaint.	9-3-18. Closed.
No. 2223 Oct. 28.	Miss Sallie P. Hawkins, Hannibal, vs. Ocean Wave Telephone Co.	Refusal of telephone company to furnish service.	_____.
No. 2224 Oct. 28.	J. H. Brennan, Springfield, vs. Capitol Telephone Co.	Telephone at M. K. & T. and C. & A. sta- tion in Jefferson City and Cedar City.	_____.
No. 2225 Nov. 12.	Geo. E. Wibracht, St. Louis, vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	Failure to install telephone.	_____.
No. 2226 Nov. 30.	Hon. O. F. Lindley, Mayor, LaPlata, vs. LaPlata Light, Heat and Ice Co.	Quality of electric service furnished.	_____.

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No. 2227..... Nov. 4.	J. W. Allen, Mt. Grove, vs. Mountain Grove Ice & Electric Company.	Poor electric service furnished at Mountain Grove.	11-26-18. Closed. Service restored to normal.
No. 2228..... Nov. 20.	Mrs. B. Koenig, St. Louis, vs. Union Electric Light & Power Co.	Extension of service.	_____.
No. 2229..... Nov. 30.	Rev. C. W. Dunmire, Leadwood, vs. Missouri Public Utilities Company.	Extension of electric wires.	_____.

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